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PRESIDENT LOUBET AND KING EDWARD.



To-day the King of England will travel through France, and the welcome arranged for his Majesty by President Loubet will further strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries. The smaller photograph is that of Sir Francis Bertie, the English Ambassador at Paris.—Photographs by Pelit, Downey, Elliott and Fry.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE DOWAGER DUCHESS OF ABERCORN.



Mourners gathered round the graveside during the funeral service for the late Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who was buried in the little country churchyard at Chenies, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.



Hundreds of wreaths sent from distinguished mourners of the late Dowager Duchess can here be seen piled by the graveside after the ceremony. Among those who sent flowers was her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

KING EDWARD AND M. LOUBET.

Meeting To Take Place in
Paris To-day.

HISTORIC INTERVIEW

Queen Alexandra's Graciousness
Delights the Marseillais.

The arrangements for the King's journey to the Continent to-day have been definitely concluded, and there is no doubt whatever that a meeting will take place in the neighbourhood of Paris between his Majesty and President Loubet, who will be accompanied by M. Delcassé.

Throughout the King's journey incognito to Marseilles to meet the Queen there will, however, be an almost total absence of formality.

At 10.20 a.m. his Majesty, with a small suite, will drive to Victoria, and the special train will leave for Dover at 10.30.

The 1st Buffs and the 2nd York and Lancaster Regiment will provide a guard of honour at Dover, and the King will receive the municipal and other authorities.

He will then go on board the turbine steamer Queen, and cross to Calais, where the President of the Calais Chamber of Commerce will receive him on landing.

M. Loubet will await the King at Pierrefitte, on the Paris Centre Railway, where the royal train will be transferred from the Northern Railway in order that his Majesty may reach the Gare de Lyon without having to drive across Paris.

The President will join his Majesty in the royal saloon and accompany him to the Gare de Lyon. The journey should occupy only a few minutes. However brief the interview between the King and MM. Loubet and Delcassé may be, there is no doubt that it will be of incalculable importance in its effect upon the preservation of the Anglo-French entente cordiale.

The royal train will then proceed direct to Marseilles.

THE QUEEN WAITING.

At Marseilles the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, with the Queen on board, is awaiting his Majesty's arrival. Much disappointment was felt by a deputation of Marseilles citizens, who brought a magnificent bouquet they desired to present to the Queen, when the British Consul refused to allow them to approach the royal yacht.

But when the Queen was informed the deputation and the bouquet were graciously received by her Majesty, and the members of the deputation went away beaming with happiness.

GERMAN ANNOYANCE.

The semi-official "Cologne Gazette," apparently irritated by the remarks of the French Press as to the meeting of M. Loubet and King Edward, and the exchange of visits between the two fleets, says: "It can hardly be assumed that M. Delcassé will succeed by this manoeuvre in removing the objection against his Moroccan policy. He may be assured that such ostentatious conduct makes no impression whatever in Germany."

The French Press is enthusiastic in its comments. The "Echo de Paris" says:—"The meeting on Thursday is indeed the striking manifestation of friendship. Some say that it is not the last surprise that awaits us. We shall see."

MYSTERIOUS FLEET.

Vessels Which May Be Togo's or Rojestvensky's in Ceylon Waters.

From Colombo there comes another message concerning mysterious warships cruising in the neighbourhood of Ceylon.

The vessels were only three in number, and their presence is reported by the Orient mail-boat Marmora.

Feeling in Russia is deeply incensed against France on account of the French advocacy of peace. The closer rapprochement with England has also created a serious feeling of discontent against Russia's ally.

An official message from Tokio announces that the Japanese column has occupied two more positions in its advance northward.

RUSSIA'S PATRIARCH.

It is credibly reported that M. Pobiedonosteff, the Procurator of the Holy Synod, and one of the Tsar's most trusted advisers, has resigned his post. The retirement of Russia's great lay Archbishop is believed to be a preparatory step to the revival of the ancient office of the Patriarchate.

Before this office was abolished by Peter the Great, the Patriarch had powers almost equal to those wielded by the Tsar.

INDIA DESOLATED BY EARTHQUAKE.

European Victims in the Great Disaster of the Punjab—
Natives Maddened by Fright.

BEAUTIFUL MOSQUES AND TEMPLES WRECKED

The earthquake in India will probably rank as one of the most awful catastrophes of modern times.

Even from the very scant reports which are gradually coming in, it is apparent that the loss of life and property must have been enormous.

The visitation extended over a vast tract of country, far greater than was at first supposed. Indeed, slight shocks were even felt both at Calcutta and Bombay.

From Agra, northward to Simla, and then in a north-westerly direction, even as far as the provinces of Rawalpindi and Kashmir, the seismic disturbances have wrought untold havoc, of which no approximate estimate can be made.

The hill station at Dharmasala, near Lahore, was completely destroyed, and a number of Europeans, including three magistrates, four ladies, and one officer, perished, whilst the native quarter was completely wiped out of existence.

PRICELESS BUILDINGS WRECKED.

Some of the finest buildings in India have apparently been threatened.

At Agra, where severe shocks were experienced, there is the wonderful Taj Mahal, the most amazingly beautiful building in the dependency, and, in a sense, the most remarkable edifice in the world. Its marble walls are ablaze with gems of fabulous value.

The Golden Mosque and Wazir Khan's Mosque—magnificent specimens of Eastern architecture—at Lahore have suffered grievously, as have also the many Hindoo temples at Delhra Dun and Dharmasala.

At Lahore the most pathetic scenes have been witnessed. The terror of the natives was pitiable to behold, and the Mohammedans paraded the streets, wailing forth dirges and prayers with full ceremonial rites.

One of the most peculiar features of the affair is that the India Office has no official cognisance of it.

CITY OVERWHELMED.

English Victims at Dharmasala—Lahore Filled with Mourning Mohammedans.

LAHORE, Wednesday.—The havoc wrought by the earthquake at Dharmasala is indescribable. The entire population has been rendered homeless.

Owing to the total lack of medical aid and to the fact that food is unobtainable, the distress and misery is without parallel in the history of the country. A special relief party was dispatched to Dharmasala from Lahore this morning.

The following is the list of the killed at Dharmasala:

Messrs. Laxton, Young, and Levi, all of the Indian Civil Service.

Mr. Farley, executive engineer.

Mrs. Robinson, the wife of the Colonel Commanding at Dharmasala, and her two daughters.

Captain Muscroft and Mrs. Holderness.

The women and children are now sleeping in the open air, and their discomfort is being accentuated by the cold weather, a keen frost prevailing.

The native quarter of the city has been entirely obliterated, and the population buried beneath the ruins. In the European quarter most of the houses were completely wrecked, and nine persons killed.

It is known that in one part of Lahore seventy natives were killed and many injured.

The Mohammedan inhabitants are parading the streets weeping and offering up fervent prayers with full ceremonial rites.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

THE ENGLISH VICTIMS.

Valuable Officials and Popular Lady Residents Who Perished in the Disaster.

The terrible list of the persons killed and injured includes the deaths of some of the most prominent members of the Indian Civil Service stationed in the Punjab division.

Three local magistrates, the executive engineer at Dharmasala, an officer of the local regimental corps, and many English ladies, figure among those who have received fatal injuries from the earthquake.

Mr. C. W. Laxton, who was one of the three magistrates killed, had been in the Civil Service in

the Panjab district since 1897. His first post was at Amritsar, and he had filled many important positions before he was appointed to the Assistant Commissionership at Gurdaspur. He was also a magistrate of the first grade.

Mr. Felix M. Levi and Mr. Charles A. Young, the other two unfortunate victims, were both J.P.s, but had not seen as much service as Mr. Laxton.

The former had held his appointment as second grade magistrate at Kangra since 1902. Mr. Young was stationed at Ferozepur, and was a first grade magistrate.

Mr. Farley, the engineer, had been in the Indian Public Works Department no fewer than twenty-six years. He became executive engineer at Dharmasala in 1903.

The unfortunate military officer, Captain J. Muscroft, was stationed with the two local battalions of the 1st Punjab Rifles.

He had been in the Indian Army since 1894, but he received his first commission in the Yorkshire Light Infantry, two years before. He was only thirty-five years of age.

Among the lady victims of the disaster were Mrs. Robinson, wife of Brevet-Colonel G. H. Robinson, in command of the district, and her two daughters. The late Colonel was in command of the 1st Punjab Volunteer Rifles, and also of a detachment of the Panjab Light Horse.

Another lady who met her death at Dharmasala was Mrs. Holderness, one of the most popular of the local residents.

WIDESPREAD RUIN.

Meagre Reports Suggest That the Loss of Life and Property Must Be Enormous.

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.—The earthquake caused great damage over a vast extent of country from Agra as far north as Simla.

The towers of the Golden Mosque are reported to have fallen, and Wazir Khan's mosque has been badly cracked.

Many persons suffered severely. The succession of shocks began at ten minutes past six, the first, which lasted three minutes, being the most severe. In all eleven shocks were felt. While they lasted it was impossible to remain standing without support.

Though the total damage to buildings cannot yet be estimated, every house in the city was more or less injured.

The left wing of the Savoy Hotel entirely collapsed, and the new Catholic Church was wrecked. The Mall is cracked in five places.

Several small landslides occurred, and many casualties are reported. One woman was killed, and many natives were seriously injured.

Reports from the Delhra Dun and Rajpur districts tell of enormous damage.

At Simla considerable damage was done to buildings.

At Delhi the shock, though severely felt, did little damage. So violent were the shocks that navvies squatting on the ground were turned completely over.—Reuter.

"GAPING FISSURES."

Smiling Hill Station Reduced to Panic and Ruin in a Few Minutes in the Early Morning.

In a later message from Calcutta, Reuter gives further details of the scenes at Mussoorie.

The weather was bright and warm when, at ten minutes past six on Tuesday morning, a succession of terrible and violent shocks of earthquake began, the oscillations being from east to west.

The first lasted for quite three minutes, and the earth heaved so violently that people standing up were forced to throw themselves down.

This was followed by some four or five shocks, more or less severe, but none so sharp as the first, though they did considerable harm.

The damage to buildings, both public and private, and injuries to person are for the moment beyond computation.

Large and important public edifices have suffered extensive damages, and many private houses have been completely demolished.

A great fissure opened in the road, but this subsequently closed up again. The total loss of life is unknown, but it is feared that the killed and injured are many, including, it is said, some Europeans, though the report to this effect remains without confirmation.

Eight natives were killed in one place by falling rocks and two more were injured.

The Roman Catholic Church, recently built, has been reduced almost to ruin, and the Savoy Hotel has partly fallen in. The surface of the earth was broken by gaping fissures.

HEATED SCENE IN THE COMMONS.

Member Asks if Mr. Balfour Lives
in a Balloon.

INDIGNANT LIBERALS.

A scene of white-heat passion marked the opening moments of yesterday's sitting of the House of Commons.

It was provoked by the Prime Minister's absence from the fiscal debates on private members' nights, and his "explanation" to Mr. Churchill a few nights ago.

Mr. Lloyd-George was the stormy petrel. He had been seen in hasty, animated conversation with a little band of Radical forwards. The result was soon apparent.

In tones vibrant with nervous excitement, partly suppressed, the little Welshman wanted to know whether, in view of a statement made by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood on Tuesday night, the Prime Minister wished to modify or withdraw the statement he made in the House last week to the effect that his sole knowledge as to last week's retaliatory resolution was derived from the question put by Mr. Churchill.

The Prime Minister crossed his chin and fixed his eyes on the ceiling. He was slightly flushed when he rose. He hesitated more than usual.

"The honourable gentleman is under a misapprehension," he said. "Mr. Churchill's question related to the terms of the resolution, and not to what passed with regard to it."

An angry storm of "No, no," burst from the Opposition Benches.

MOCKING LAUGHTER.

Mr. Balfour nervously felt for the brass-edged box at the table, and continued:

"Sir Alexander Acland-Hood did not inform me of the terms of the resolution, and he did not tell me that there had been a debate."

A tremendous roar of incredulous and mocking laughter broke in upon the speaker, and prevented him from completing the sentence for some moments.

Mr. Balfour met it all with a slight flush, and, pulling gently at the lapels of his coat, he added:

"He also informed me that my conduct had been the subject of animadversion, which arose after twelve o'clock. He did not tell me what had been said of me, because he knew I was not interested in the subject."

"Ha! ha! ha!" screamed the Liberals.

"Does the Prime Minister still adhere to his statement that his sole knowledge as to what appears to have taken place was derived from Mr. Churchill's assertion?" pressed Mr. Lloyd-George in cross-examination.

The Tories shouted "Oh" in indignation. The Liberals bawled their approval.

"That is my sole knowledge relative to the question asked me," said the Premier. "In that case I was perfectly accurate."

UP IN A BALLOON.

"Does the Prime Minister live up in a balloon?" asked Captain Donelan, the Irish Whip.

The Radicals roared with laughter as the Premier contemptuously tossed his head.

The white-bearded Mr. Bryce lifted his bushy brows interrogatively. "As the right hon. gentleman did not know the terms of the resolution perhaps he will tell us whether he is in the habit of reading the Order-book?"

"Don't answer," shouted the Ministerialists, but Mr. Balfour waved them down.

"I did not know the terms of the resolution, because there was no reason why I should make myself acquainted with them."

"I had explained that, in my judgment, these continued motions on one question brought our proceedings into ridicule (vehement shouts of Ministerial approval)—and that I meant to have nothing more to do with them."

"Quite right," "Yah, yah," "Oh," and other noisy sounds filled the chamber.

"This being the case," concluded the Premier, with an innocent smile, "what is there blameworthy in my conduct?"

Mr. Bryce wagged his beard. "I will not trouble the right hon. gentleman with any further questions—I am quite satisfied with things as they stand." Trembling with heat the author-politician plumped angrily down on his seat.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Mr. F. J. Stevens, an American engaged in business in London, has died as the result of a motor-car accident at Monte Carlo. His body will be conveyed to America.

Italy will not support Germany in any conflict between that Power and France in regard to Morocco, states the "Echo de Paris" on "high authority."

An explosion of dynamite at Nobel's factory, near Polmont, Edinburgh, yesterday, fortunately resulted only in slight injuries to one man.

"MOTHER OF THE PEERAGE."

Simple Funeral of the Aged Duchess of Abercorn.

PRELATE'S TRIBUTE.

Lady! these eyes, now aged, thee have seen
Pass like a dream too beautiful to paint.
Few saints have ever looked so like a queen,
Few queens have ever looked so like a saint.

Such were the words written by the Archbishop of Armagh in the "Times" when he read of the death of the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn.

The aged Duchess was buried yesterday at the little Buckinghamshire village of Chenies.

It is impossible to imagine a more beautiful or more dignified ceremony.

There, in the quiet parish church where so many of the Russells (the Bedford family) lie buried, this great English lady was laid to her rest.

The church was thronged with representatives of England's proudest families, who stood listening reverently to the solemn words of the Burial Service, and to the soft rendering of beautiful hymns.

Here was no display of pomp, though nearly every member of the congregation wears a title.

Simple and sincere were the last tributes paid to the venerable lady, who had played so great a part in the peerage of the United Kingdom.

Wealth of Flowers.

The only sign of wealth was displayed in the countless numbers of beautiful flowers, including a handsome wreath of sun lilies and orchids "From her Majesty the Queen."

The coffin itself was of oak with silver fittings, bearing on the silver plate the simple inscription:—

LOUISA JANE, Duchess of Abercorn,
Daughter of John, Sixth Duke of Bedford.
Born July 8, 1812.
Died March 21, 1905.

After a brief service the flower-covered coffin, which had been resting in the aisle, was carried to the little churchyard.

Then came a long procession of the most distinguished people in the United Kingdom, who grouped themselves round the grave until the coffin had been lowered and the last words of the solemn service said.

Her Majesty's wreath was placed in the grave on the coffin.

Amongst those present were the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Adeline, Duchess of Bedford, Duke of Bedford, Earl and Countess of Wicklow, Earl of Lichfield, Lady Blandford, Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Earl and Countess of Winterton, Lord George Hamilton, Lord Claude Hamilton, Lord Frederick Hamilton, Lord Ernest Hamilton, Earl and Countess of Kerry, Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, Earl of Arbutnot.

Tribute of Relative.

"Those words of the Archbishop of Armagh were very true," said one of the family to the *Daily Mirror* in the little churchyard yesterday.

"She was a queen and a saint, and there will never be another like her."

"It is a curious coincidence that, nineteen years ago this very day her brother, the Rev. Lord Wriothesley Russell, died, and now to-day the Duchess has been buried beside him."

Simultaneously with the service at Chenies a memorial service was held in the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.

His Majesty the King was represented by the Earl of Pembroke, and the Prince and Princess of Wales by Sir William Carrington.

The Rev. Edgar Sheppard, D.D., the sub-dean of the Chapels Royal, conducted the service.

"FIRST FOLIO" FOR £255.

Copy Fetched a Low Price Because Many Pages Were Facsimile.

About £1,650 was realised yesterday at the ninth day of the sale of the John Scott library at Sotheby's, making the total so far just short of £17,000.

For a first folio Shakespeare, 1623, £255 was given, and a copy of Valturius's "De Re Militari," 1472, the second book printed in Verona, went for £200.

The Shakespeare folio had several pages in facsimile, which accounted for its low price. The record sum for a copy is £1,720, realised in 1901.

A most extensive and valuable collection of books on shipping, navigation, and naval affairs, comprising over 1,600 works, will be offered to-day as one lot, with a reserve price of £1,000. If this amount be not reached it will be sold in lots as arranged.

A Te Deum will be sung next Sunday in the Greek Church, Baywater, on the occasion of the anniversary of the independence of Greece.

RUSH OF INVESTORS.

Enormous Demand for Prospectuses of "Associated Newspapers, Ltd."

There was a rush for prospectuses of the "Associated Newspapers, Ltd.," yesterday almost without parallel in the history of company enterprises.

This company, with a capital of £1,600,000, has been formed for the purpose of taking over the "Daily Mail," the "Evening News," the "Illustrated Mail," the "Over-seas Mail," and the "Weekly Dispatch."

All day there were crowds at Messrs. Coutts's and at all the branches of the Union of London and Smiths Bank, from which prospectuses were distributed, and at which this morning subscriptions will be received.

The stately serenity of Coutts's has never been so disturbed. In an interview with the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, the manager said: "The demand is unprecedented. By the first posts we had nearly 4,000 letters asking for prospectuses."

"Many persons have sent for twentys and thirties, and even more, to send to friends."

"A large proportion of the applicants desired to send their money in to-day, and we have had to point out that this could not possibly be allowed until to-morrow morning."

A steady stream of applicants attended the Union of London and Smiths Bank, brokers' clerks seeking large numbers of prospectuses on behalf of clients.

The general view seemed to be that the details published were very ample and informing.

Yesterday the Preference were called 1-16 premium and the Ordinary 1 premium, and no doubt was expressed as to the reception likely to be accorded.

NO ROOM FOR M.P.s TO SMOKE.

They Must Sit on Waste Paper Baskets and Write on Shaky Tables.

There are nearly 700 M.P.s, but there is only private smoking-room accommodation for about 100. This grievance Mr. Bigwood called attention to in the House yesterday.

Lord Balcarras, who represents the First Commissioner of Works, replied that he was aware the accommodation was limited, but regretted no more space was available.

Mr. Bigwood told the *Daily Mirror*:—"Increased accommodation would only cost about £100."

"Many members prefer to smoke while at work, and it is now impossible. The larger smoking-room is filled by fifty men. Members sit on upturned waste-paper baskets."

"In the terrace smoking-room there are seven chairs at a rickety table, which wobbles when you attempt to write on it."

AMERICAN'S ENTERPRISES.

"Confesses" to a Mail Robbery in Order to Obtain a Free Ocean Passage.

That the police authorities require protection against innocent persons who desire to be considered guilty is shown by the partial success of Edward Kelly, who, to gain certain ends, accused himself of robbing the Canadian Mail.

Kelly is no harmless lunatic. It appears that his object was to get free passage back to America.

His confession was supported with picturesque details of the supposed robbery, of burning the bags in the ship's furnace, and of the division of the spoil.

He smiled cynically when the magistrate discharged him with a caution, doubtless congratulating himself on getting free food and lodging for several days, and causing the authorities a lot of trouble and expense for inquiries.

EAST LONDON RAILWAY COLLISION.

There was a somewhat serious collision at Stratford Market Station, on the Great Eastern Railway, yesterday afternoon just before three, when an empty passenger train dashed into a luggage train. Several trucks and coaches were wrecked, and the engine of the passenger train was thrown off the line, the driver receiving mortal injuries.

SAXON QUEEN IN EAST LONDON.

The Queen of Saxony, under the guidance of Father Bernard Vaughan, visited the East End of London yesterday.

After hearing Mass at St. Mary's and St. Michael's, she listened to an instruction given to the children by Father Vaughan, and, after Catechism, the Queen walked round the church while the children sang hymns.

On leaving the church the Queen of Saxony promised to send Father Vaughan a vestment to present to the church in memory of the visit.

ETON'S NEW "HEAD."

Vegetarian and Teetotaler Who Will Make Great Changes.

ADVOCATE OF "JAEGER."

The news of the selection of Canon Lyttelton, as Eton's headmaster, was received yesterday with universal surprise.

Some years ago he was regarded as the certain successor of Dr. Warre. But since he has identified himself so closely with the teetotal and vegetarian movements, and with other causes which are by most people termed "fads," he has been considered "out of the running."

Evidently the Governors do not consider that his strong opinions on these points outweigh his other qualifications.

The chief of these is his successful reign at Haileybury College since 1890. He went there from Eton, where he had been an assistant master for eight years, and has done much to give the school a high position.

Next, he is a member of a famous and most successful family. The sons and daughters of the late Lord Cobham have all made some stir in the world. One is the Colonial Secretary; another, Sir Neville Lyttelton, member of the Army Council; another was private secretary to Mr.



CANON LYTTELTON.

Gladstone; a fourth went in for law, and is a leading solicitor (married, by the way, to a daughter of Mr. Stantley, the celebrated baritone).

It remains to be seen how Eton will like the appointment of a man who favours Jaeger clothing, signs petitions against Licensing Bills, openly advocates the suppression of betting and gambling, and doubts whether meat-eaters can live pure lives. "The general expectation that Mr. A. C. Benson would be appointed was based, so a friend of his told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, upon a misapprehension. He had not applied for it. He did not want it. He has quite as much work on hand as he can do with Queen Victoria's Letters to edit. His name was not officially before the Governors at all."

LYTTELTON AS I KNEW HIM.

BY AN OLD HAILEYBURIAN.

I have vivid recollections of Mr. Lyttelton at Haileybury. He was a keen woodman, and was often to be seen, axe on shoulder, striding across the Quad to the adjacent woods. He also brought his axe to bear on school customs and traditions, and lopped them off ruthlessly. He has a strong will, has Mr. Lyttelton, and will not brook opposition.

He was a great cricketer. I remember once bowling him out first ball at a practice net.

"All right, Mr. —," he said. And I knew there was trouble ahead. For the next twenty minutes he hit every ball I bowled clean to the boundary, no matter how good a length it was. It was a fine exhibition.

In the racquet-court he was a champion smasher, especially of racquets.

Once, in his younger days, the Lyttelton family were playing the local champions at football, and beating them. The local champions lost their tempers and began to play a very foul game. But they rued it. For Alired and Edward Lyttelton, by fair and square charging, proceeded to lay them out in heaps, and effectually stopped further fouling.

Mr. Lyttelton once lectured the whole school on the subject of Jaeger clothing, and besought us earnestly to wear Jaeger hoots. But during my time at the school I saw no definite result of this appeal.

At the school "sing-songs" Mr. Lyttelton and his wife were great acquisitions, and used to contribute charming duets.

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When men kill they are called on Hill, the Peckham the burdens of the seriously considererities.

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1896-7 2.5
1897-8 2.5
1898-9 2.5

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1895-6 £2.6
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1895-6 to 1s. 7d. in councils supplanted t to 2s. 0.1d. in 1902-3.

On Tuesday Lord £8,000,000 was requ 1905-6.

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Lord Avebury reced years the local exp £68,000,000, while authorities in England £142,000,000.

The bankers of the informed the treasurer further overdrafts The drawn nearly £50,000.

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MICROBES FO

Useful Germs Used the English Farm

The success of experim Government in inocula nitrogen-producing bacte Sir Walter Palmer in the terday.

He asked the Presiden culture whether the Unit rights for the manufacture in America are supplied microbes; why should no them?

The editor of "Farm, F the *Daily Mirror* that soil thing.

"I believe," he said, " made in one of the Unite laboratories. It has not been soil inoculation was attempt success some years ago."

FROG STEEP

Imaginative French Jour Society with a

"Frog steeplechases," ac Journal," are the latest fad i

Judging from the highl given, English manners are of the community in which M brated jumping frog flourish

"You take," says the pape green frogs, range them on them with small circles abou nary ring

"When they perceive the r jump, attempting to pass thro

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"This extraordinary pastim tised in the drawing-rooms of

GIRL'S VENGE

"By the mercy of Providence on a graver charge," said Mr. Simmonds, charged with the an omnibus-driver while he

reside four weeks ago. The girl gave a long accoun treatment of her, and in sente months' hard labour Mr. Jeff that she would find friends on

LADY AND MEDICAL STUDENT.

Tale of an Alpine Holiday Retold in Divorce Court.

DETECTIVES' VISIT.

The story of Mrs. Wright, the wife of a South African railway engineer, and how she met an engaging young Italian medical student at a Swiss hotel, "went into a second edition" in the Divorce Court yesterday.

When the case of "Wright v. Wright and Pico" was first heard Sir Francis Jeune, the ex-President of the Court, was the Judge, and the jury disagreed as to whether, as Mr. Wright alleged, Mrs. Wright's friendship with Mr. Egidio Nobile Pico passed the bounds of propriety.

So it became necessary for Mr. Wright, if he wished to have the matter definitely settled one way or the other, to present his petition again. This he did yesterday before the new President, Sir F. Gorell Barnes.

Mr. Duke K.C., taking up the task that Mr. Walton, K.C., performed before, described how Mr. Wright's married life in South Africa with his wife was unhappy, and how the lady came to Europe and paid a visit to Switzerland with her aged mother.

Also how the two ladies made the acquaintance of Mr. Pico at Lausanne, and arranged to share a villa with him at Lugano.

Counsel went on to explain how "Slater's" detective agency was asked to watch the party, and how detectives paid an early morning visit to the villa, and alleged that Mr. Pico had made his escape through an open window.

After Mr. Wright had given evidence, the case was adjourned.

MURDERER SENTENCED.

Mr. Justice Jelf's Solemn Charge to the ex-Militiaman, Bridgman.

Mr. Justice Jelf yesterday passed sentence of death on Albert Bridgman, the ex-Militiaman, who was found guilty of the murder of Catherine Ballard, mother of a girl whom he had been courting. The Judge said it had never been his lot to try a case in which a murder was carried out with more deliberation, more cruelty, and more horrible ferocity.

He solemnly and earnestly entreated the prisoner to take advantage of all the spiritual ministrations that were offered him.

Asked if he had anything to say, Bridgman replied: "I did not realise what I was doing. I was not in my right mind."

"TIMES" IN COURT.

Libel Action Taken on the Ground of "Unfair Comment."

Even the "Times" is not immune from libel actions.

The dignity of the "Thunderer" was yesterday ruffled by its being made the defendant in an action against it of "unfair comment." The plaintiff was Colonel Hill Godfrey Morgan, Director of Supplies in South Africa during the late war.

He was one day reading the "Times," when he came across a message from "Our Special Correspondent at Pretoria," in which his (the Colonel's) name was coupled with a sale of chaff. The special correspondent added: "It was always concluded that the higher officers were above suspicion."

The Colonel has already vindicated himself in the matter referred to, and it is understood that the "Times" agrees that he was in no way to blame, but the paper contended that what appeared in its columns was privileged as being an accurate report of a Transvaal lawsuit, and was "fair comment on a matter of public interest."

After Colonel Morgan, General Sir Neville Lytton, and Sir Edward Ward, Permanent Under-Secretary for War, had given evidence the case was adjourned.

FOND PARENT'S EXCUSE.

Asked by the Marylebone Bench if a wayward boy had been chastised by his father, the mother replied in the negative. She added that if they beat the boy the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children would prosecute them, so they let him have his own way.

Coventry is the latest scene of window smashing by the unemployed. Three valuable panes of plate-glass have been broken by as many youths, the explanation being that they wanted food and lodging.

76,000 BEGGARS.

London Mendicants Reap a Harvest of £100,000 a Year.

The sum of £100,000 is given annually in London to beggars who solicit alms in the streets.

Such is the report of an officer of the London Mendicity Society, which held its annual meeting yesterday at the Westminster Palace Hotel.

This enormous sum is the most misdirected and misapplied form of charity, for it never reaches the really deserving cases, which are only found out after careful investigation.

Out of a hundred cases where begging letters solicit charity, there are only twenty-five which are genuine, and not more than six or seven really deserving of help.

During the past year no fewer than 1,929 cases of mendicity at the police courts were attended by the officers of the society, which possesses records of 76,000 street beggars.

The King has increased his subscription to the society.

"MASK" MURDER.

Third Man Arrested on Suspicion of Complicity in the Deptford Crime.

A third arrest was made yesterday in connection with the Deptford murder by Detectives Hailstone and Beavis.

The man apprehended has not yet been charged, but is detained at the police station for purposes of identification.

It will be remembered that all the evidence obtainable with regard to the tragedy points to the fact that three men were implicated.

Among other significant details the discovery of the three masks on the premises points most forcibly to this conclusion.

Witnesses who saw two men come out of the shop-door at a quarter-past seven on the Monday morning on which the tragedy occurred assert that they left the door open. Later the door was found closed. This circumstance also infers the existence of a third confederate.

ALFRED STRATTON.



Who has been arrested and charged on suspicion of being concerned in the Deptford "Mask Murder."

MUSHROOMS VINDICATED.

Failure of Lady Journalist's Action Against Regent-street Restaurant.

In the gastronomic case that has been proving so interesting to Mr. Justice Lawrence and a special jury a verdict was found yesterday for the mushrooms.

Mrs. Edith Heilbron, a lady journalist, accused some mushrooms that she partook of at the Imperial Restaurant, Regent-street, of giving her blood-poisoning.

The proprietor of the restaurant, in the witness-box, stood up boldly for the excellence of the mushrooms he supplies, and suggested that Mr. McCall, K.C., did not know the difference between prime English mushrooms and those of the French "button" variety. (Loud laughter.)

MEALS FOR STARVING SCHOLARS.

Mr. Henderson's Bill for the provision of meals for poor school-children has been published.

It is a short measure, and is backed by Sir John Gorst, Sir Richard Jebb, Dr. Macnamara, and most of the leading Labour members.

One of its provisions is that it empowers the authority providing the meals to make a charge to recover the cost from the parent or guardian.

DANGER OF DOMINOES.

Court Crowded with Players Charged with Gambling.

CASE DISMISSED.

Proceedings taken against domino players by the Newcastle police caused an extraordinary scene in the Newcastle Police Court yesterday.

The court was crowded, commercial men from the Exchange and heads of shipping lines struggling with junior clerks for seats in the body of the court.

Proceedings opened with charges against William Catcheside (proprietor of the café) and Daisy Tulling (manageress) for permitting gambling on their premises.

A number of constables gave evidence that the café, a two-roomed place, had been under observation on six different days. On four out of the six occasions men were seen playing dominoes. At the conclusion of the games they were seen reckoning up results, and afterwards money changed hands.

The sums mentioned as lost or won varied from 3s. 6d. to 30s. It was argued that the proprietors knew what was going on because the players spoke aloud, obtained change at the counter, and were given scoring-sheets by the manageress.

One constable's identity was guessed on his first visit, and when he paid a second visit to the establishment the domino-players paid one another outside.

The defence was that any bets made were trivial ones for cups of coffee, and that the police had probably mistaken business conversation for betting.

The Bench dismissed the case, remarking that the police would have shown more discretion if they had ascertained the names of those they alleged had been gambling.

No proceedings were taken against the domino-players arrested in the raid.

ALICE SIT-BY-THE-FIRE.

Ela Q. May's Smile Brightens a Dingy Police Court.

Miss Ela Q. May, who wrote "Peter Pan" with the assistance of Mr. J. M. Barrie, made an appearance at the Marylebone Police Court yesterday.

The little girl's bright smile illuminated the whole court, when Sub-Divisional-Inspector Smith intimated that there was no objection to the issue of a licence permitting her to take part in the new play, "Alice Sit-by-the-Fire," which was produced at the Duke of York's Theatre last night.

Miss Ela told the reporters that she much preferred acting to sitting still all day writing.

Then, with a parting warning that they should be careful to spell her name with only one "L," she left the court with her friends.

CRITIC'S WIFE.

Mrs. Clement Scott Falls To Find Missing Papers in a Theatrical Trust.

Mrs. Clement Scott appeared at Bow-street yesterday to show cause why she should not deliver up to the trustees of the Neilsen Fund certain books and documents relating to the administration of the fund.

It was alleged that certain papers in connection with the fund had come into Mrs. Scott's possession on the death of her husband, the well-known theatrical critic and author, who was a trustee of the fund.

Mr. Robinson, who appeared for Mrs. Scott, said that she had made a careful search among the papers of her late husband, but had failed to find anything relating to the fund.

Sir George Lewis said that for Mrs. Scott's own position she should have gone into the witness-box.

Mr. Robinson: Mrs. Scott's position is well known, and she will not suffer for this in any degree. I will take on my own shoulders the responsibility for not putting her into the box.

The summons having been dismissed, Mr. Robinson said that if either of the trustees chose to go through all of Mr. Clement Scott's papers, Mrs. Scott would assist them.

SCATTERING HIS WEALTH.

Arrested for being drunk while in charge of a motor-car, Evelyn Canfield Browne flung a £50 note at the constable, threw away a handful of silver coin, and kicked two watches across the charge-room floor. He was fined 40s.

A huge motor-car completely overturned on Anerley-hill, S.E., yesterday afternoon. The driver was seriously injured.

ANGLING FOR MONEY.

Curiosities of Daily Life in a Poor Man's Hotel.

Monotony apparently is the last thing likely to be found in a Rowton House, the poor man's hotel. As an occupant you may employ your time in "fishing excursions."

According to the evidence of Walter Foster, journalist, who, in the Westminster County Court, yesterday, made a claim against Rowton Houses for loss of his clothes, there are at least two ways in which these "excursions" can be carried to a successful conclusion.

You may stand on the bed in one cubicle, lean over the wooden partition into your neighbour's cubicle, and fish with a crooked stick for the clothes hanging on pegs near the top of the partition. Should you fail, you may yet, if your stick's reach be long enough, ravage your neighbour's belongings by the simple expedient of pulling back his bolt, when it only remains to enter softly and remove the spoils.

For loss of his clothes and a breach of the contract, whereby his cubicle was given to another man after he had paid for it, Foster claimed £16 12s. 2d.

He was awarded 42s. for breach of contract, but failed to recover for the clothes, as, said the Judge, he knew the dangers he was facing, and there was no evidence of negligence.

PLAIN ANGLO-SAXON.

Mr. Burns Prepared to Defend His English by the Authority of Our Great Poets.

The Trades Union Bill, one of the chief objects of which is to legalise picketing, was again before the Standing Committee on Law in the House of Commons yesterday.

After a day's heavy discussion three lines of Clause I were passed.

The chief fight was over an amendment seeking to impose limitations on the powers of picketing.

Mr. Burns declared that this would take out the heart of the Bill, but instead of "heart" he used an old English expression, which evoked cries of "Oh!"

Hon. members, retorted Mr. Burns, might say "Oh," but the word he used was good old Anglo-Saxon, and he could quote Marlowe, Chaucer, and Shakespeare in proof. If the more "fencing" expression was preferred he might say the amendment took the stomach and heart out of the Bill.

The voting on this amendment was equal, and the Chairman gave his casting vote against it.

THREE CARDS AND A WATCH.

"Handuff King's" Exciting Experience in a Railway Carriage.

The "Handuff King and Gool-breaker," known in private life as Harry Kardoce, yesterday told the North London Bench an exciting story of his experiences in a Great Northern train at Barnet Station.

He entered a carriage which was full of men coming home from the races, and became interested in a "three-card" game that was going on.

In the most exciting period of the game he became painfully aware that his watch and chain were missing.

He said nothing, but followed a man who got out of the train at Finsbury Park. The man entered the train again. Mr. Kardoce still followed him. Then the man jumped out. The Handuff King still pursued him.

In desperation, said Mr. Kardoce, the man then restored the watch and chain to him, and offered him a sovereign not to prosecute him.

Charged with stealing the watch and chain, John Coleman asserted that Mr. Kardoce had wagered in the three-card game and lost.

The prisoner was remanded.

"LIKE A ROMAN EMPEROR."

A railway vanman and a porter got at loggerheads owing to the impudence of a small boy who was vanman's assistant, and a black eye and badly cut face resulted, with police-court proceedings. In dismissing the case Mr. Denman remarked that the trouble was brought about by a boy who seemed almost as useful to the company employing him as a sheep who sat "like a Roman Emperor eating cake" instead of attending to his work.

TRUTH IN A FOREIGN GUISE.

"Where's your husband, woman?" asked Judge Bacon of a foreign woman, who entered the box at Whitehall yesterday.

The Woman: Mein husband 'e no speaks English at all.

Judge Bacon: Yes, but he may tell the truth. Go and fetch him. (Laughter.)

Formerly a commercial traveller, the late Mr. James Hamilton, of Paisley, has left personal estate valued at £6,898 14s. 2d.

LITTLE ITALY TRANSFORMED.

Hurried "Spring Clean" to Meet a Magisterial Eye.

HOW THE WHITE CAT CAME BACK.

There was terrible consternation in "Little Italy" yesterday morning. For Mr. Bros, the Clerkenwell magistrate, was coming to decide on the spot whether an application to close Eyre-court and other neighbouring courts should be granted.

It has been alleged that these courts are narrow and congested, that their approaches are dangerous, and that in case of fire they would be veritable death-traps. It may be that these structural defects are too patent for concealment, but after a vast display of gesture and much excited argument the "colony" decided to do their best to impress Mr. Bros by "spring cleaning." At any rate, all the external features of their residences.

BLINKING IN THE SUNSHINE.

So a stray organ or two, a couple of derelict ice-cream pails, and a refuse-bin containing a sleepy cat whose coat was not as white as it might have been, were pushed out of sight, and brooms and mops and copious water were employed energetically upon the filthy pavements. By noon "Little Italy" was transformed.

The cat came back—speckless now—and sat blinking in the warm sunshine, a symbol of order, comfort, and prosperity, the two gentlemen, one of whom was Mr. Bros, strolled through Eyre-court, narrowly scrutinising all that was to be seen.

Mr. Bros even glanced into two or three houses, maybe suspicious that the immaculate doormats were delusive. But he made no comment. And the occupants of the houses furtively watched him depart. Opinions in Eyre-court are divided as to what he thought about everything—especially the white cat—and his decision is awaited with much anxiety.

THE CITY.

Dull Tendency in Consols—Associated Newspapers, Limited—Prospects of the New Company—Home Rails Dull.

CARL COURT, Wednesday Evening.—There was not very much to notice on the Stock Exchange today. Everybody is still looking gloomy, as the result of the overloading of the market with gilt-edged stocks, which led to the fiasco in the case of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific interests. There is in consequence a dull tendency of Consols at 94 and other leading stocks. The market will naturally take some little time to digest the new issues.

A lot of interest was aroused both on the Stock Exchange and in City circles generally by the appearance of the circular of Associated Newspapers, Limited, the new company which is taking over the "Daily Mail," the "Evening News," and several other journals of the group. The Union of London and Smith's Bank had a busy time giving out prospectuses to the public to the brokers' clerks, the latter demanding large amounts on behalf of their firm's clients. As the house itself the prospectus was naturally a subject of considerable discussion, and the general view was that it would meet with a satisfactory public reception. The preference shares were called at $\frac{1}{4}$ premium, and the ordinary at a premium.

In the Home Railway market the traffic showings did not have very much interest; the big decreases were explained by the Good Friday week of last year, but where the traffic looked good, such for instance, as the Great Central, there were special causes for such, such as the Grand National week. Home Rails on the whole were dull, with Consols for exactly the same reason. Great Westerns were bought.

Americans' Nasty Jar.

There was a nasty jar for the American market in the news of the coming Union Pacific issue of an equivalent of £20,000,000. Unions slumped on the news, and caused general weakness in the market.

Canadian Rails were not so bad for the Grand Trunk report, and this helped Grand Trunk issues. Argentine Rails were better. Mexican Rails were depressed on the traffic. Cuban Centrales rose on a favourable traffic showing.

The Continent continues to buy Japanese scrip. All Japanese bonds are better, and the new scrip is called $\frac{1}{2}$ premium for special settlement. Paris sold Peruvians and Rio Untos, and, in fact, seemed rather gloomy generally.

The Kafir market started well. People seemed to think that the new £5,000,000 Kafir Trust was going to encourage Continental buying. Paris very soon upset that notion. And then the market came to the conclusion that there was really not very much of a bull-like nature in people being asked to put up more money to inflate the Kafir market. Egyptians were rather inclined to recover after yesterday's weakness, but in the whole the mining sections were dull. The Ashanti Goldfields crushing was disliked.

Traffic Returns.

Hudson's Bays were offered. The Chinese speculative group was steady.

The following Home Railway traffic receipts for last week have been recorded:—Increases: Great Central £3,486, Hull and Barnsley £794, Decreases: Great Western £28,800, Midland £28,455, North-Eastern £2,302, South-Western £17,300, Great Northern £16,823, North British £4,553, Glasgow and South-Western £3,364, Caledonian £2,476, North Stafford £2,167, North-Western £2,000.

The following Foreign Railway traffic receipts have been recorded:—Increases: B.A. Great Southern £25,269, B.A. Pacific £12,212, B.A. Western £2,134, Entre Rios £2,412, Rosario £282, Leopoldina £3,188, Central Uruguay £3,486, E. Extension £765, W. Extension £574, Cuban Central £2,145, Decreases: Mexican \$9,000, Central Uruguay N. Extension £187.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Fiction is barred from the new House of Commons Library, although it will contain other works than the purely parliamentary.

Captain Henry Plumford, aged 101, a retired ship's officer, has just died at Leytonstone.

Mr. Thomas Sawyer, who built the first bicycle, a "bone-shaker," ridden by King Edward in his boyhood, died at Dover yesterday.

Brighton Town Council will, on the occasion of its next promotion of a Bill in Parliament, ask for powers to advertise the attractions of the borough.

Half-a-ton of coals has been awarded, according to an old custom, by the Rector of St. Mary's, Chester, for the first salmon of the season caught in the Dee.

The nasal twang in the Lancashire dialect has been severely criticised by Dr. J. Kendrick Pyne, Manchester Cathedral organist, who declares that it ruins the effect of the singing.

A two-shilling piece, swallowed by a four-year-old boy of Bridlington, has been located with the aid of the Röntgen rays and successfully extracted. The little fellow is now quite well.

Three successive pastors of the Welsh Calvinist Church in Fitzclarence-street, Liverpool, have been named Hughes. Another Calvinist chapel in Liverpool has an assistant pastor named Hughes.

"If the corporation continue to make these harum-scarum-by-laws," said a Sheffield magistrate, dismissing a charge against newboys for offences against the Street Cries Act, "they must not bother me with the consequences."

The mysterious lights recently seen in North Wales, writes a Ministerley correspondent, were due to the searchlight of a travelling menagerie. "Strange lights on the hillside seen at Welshpool were certainly traced to this agency."

Appropriately enough, it was P.C. Feather who arrested two boys at Halifax for stealing hens.

From 325 per 1,000, Dukinfield, in Lancashire, in a few months has reduced its infant mortality to 56 per 1,000.

A crayon portrait of the chairman of the Lambeth Guardians, drawn by his son, aged fifteen, is to be hung in the draw-room.

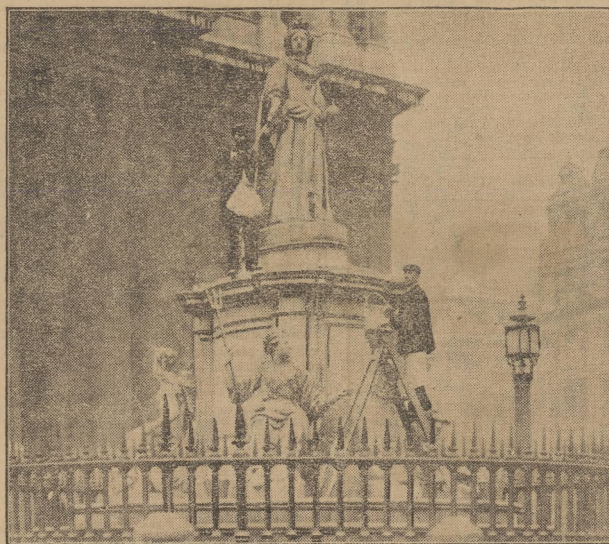
"I asked him his age, and he asked me to look at his teeth," was the reason adduced by a Leeds constable for coming to the conclusion that the man he arrested was drunk.

The "live" rail by contact with which a little girl was killed on the North-Eastern Railway a few weeks ago, according to the report of the Board of Trade on the accident, sufficiently well guarded.

For accepting a Scotch firm's contract for the construction of the Coldestale Reservoir, at a cost of £236,563, Leeds City Council has raised a storm of local protest, the tenor of which is "Yorkshire for Yorkshiremen."

Carefully-guarded secret plans, showing the means by which water is conveyed to the fountains at Plymouth, will be inspected by a Select Committee of the House of Lords in connection with a private Bill by which the Torpoint Urban Council seeks an improved water supply.

SPRING CLEANING A LONDON STATUE.



Many of the begrimed statues of London are now undergoing a spring cleaning at the hands of the workmen. Our photograph shows the work being done on the monument facing the west front of St. Paul's Cathedral.

"In consequence of the language he used to me I fainted," said a witness in a case heard at Chorley, Lancs.

Four Socialists and one Moderate were returned in place of five Progressives to the Edmonton District Council.

A service of motor omnibuses between Windsor Station and Ascot Post-office was commenced yesterday morning.

For Mr. Chamberlain's meeting at St. Helens the tramway sheds will be turned into a public hall, the town not possessing any other building large enough.

A deer pursued by the Surrey Staghounds ran along a railway viaduct near Burgess Hill, Sussex, and, startled by an approaching train, leaped over the parapet. She fell 60ft., and was killed.

That fried fish shops never have been considered refreshment houses was the contention of two defendants at Halifax, charged with selling refreshments without licences. Fines, however, were imposed.

A big crowd assembled to see a sporting wedding celebrated at Christ Church, Surbiton, yesterday, when Miss Violet Dunn, daughter of Mr. "Dick" Dunn, the bookmaker, was married to Mr. Samuel Wickins, junior.

Interfering with corporation officials, who were working a horse in an unfit condition, the action of Mr. T. Collinson, a Halifax magistrate, was described in court as "high-handed." But fines were inflicted on the foreman and driver.

Manchester City Council yesterday adopted a report clearing the city police force of the charges brought against it.

A Baptist chapel in White Horse-street, Stepney, has been bought by a cigar manufacturer, who now uses it as a factory.

Pending the decision of a slander action in which the master of Gainsborough Workhouse is concerned, the guardians gave that official "leave of absence." But he has refused to quit his quarters, and the guardians now threaten to dismiss him unless he does so within three days.

To encourage the study of foreign languages in the Army, and to obtain a record of the names of officers who are proficient, the Civil Service Commissioners will examine officers in any modern language, European or Oriental, in London, four times a year, viz., in January, April, July, and October.

The advantage to candidates of having names beginning with one of the first few letters of the alphabet is illustrated by the borough council elections at Everton, Liverpool, where many rate-payers, bewildered by the task of choosing six names out of twenty, voted for the first six names on the list.

An aristocratic trading concern, known as the Ardbrail-Blaigowrie Fruit Growers, Limited, two of the directors being Capt. Tripland, of the Grenadiers, and Mrs. Oliphant, of Ardbrail Castle, has been formed in Scotland. Shopgirls and other lassies of Glasgow during their holidays in the country will be employed to pick the fruit.

GIRL KILLED BY RUSSIAN POLICE.

Beaten and Starved in Prison to Make Her Betray Her Companions.

THE KING IN "HAMLET."

The outrageous brutality shown by the Russian officials during the recent disturbances has shocked the people of every civilised nation, but it is doubtful whether their massacres in St. Petersburg and other great towns, or all the terrors of Trepoff's rule, will arouse such a thrill of horror and disgust as the story of little Mlle. Zochowski.

The schoolgirl, whose photograph appears on page 8, was only seventeen years old.

During the recent disturbances in Warsaw the school-children went on strike, and this girl, a pupil of the Second Gymnasium, was arrested for complicity in the juvenile protest.

To secure the names of the leaders of the strike the authorities kept Mlle. Zochowski in solitary confinement for some time, and tried to terrify her into betraying her comrades. As the girl steadfastly refused, they kept her short of food and water, and when, after a course of this treatment, she still held out, she was beaten several times a day.

Still refusing to give the names required, the child's health gave way under this brutal treatment, and her sufferings ended with her death.

Warsaw already suffering terribly from the oppression of the Russian bureaucrats and practically in a state of revolt, has been inflamed almost to madness by the fate of this unhappy child. And to add to the terror of the story, nineteen other girls of the same school are still in prison and liable to the same brutal treatment.

Never has the King in "Hamlet" been more forcibly played than by Mr. Oscar Asche at the Adelphi. His fine voice, his magnificent presence, his sense of character, and his play of feature, which is shown in our photographs on page 8, make his performance one of rare interest.

POWER OF THE HALFPENNY.

It Invades the Domain of Book Publication, and Secures £240 Worth of Information.

We live in the age of the halfpenny. High-priced newspapers have gradually found it not only practicable but necessary to lower their rates until the halfpenny journal now dominates the Press.

It is, however, a new thing for the halfpenny to invade the domains of book publication. Yet this has become an established fact with the appearance of "The Harmsworth Encyclopedia," which, for the price of one halfpenny per day, provides all the information contained in a complete reference library, which by practical testing has been found to cost, at the lowest, £240.

"The Harmsworth Encyclopedia," the second fortnightly part of which was published on Tuesday, is the only work of reference of its kind that is at the same time thoroughly adequate and within the reach of the man of modest means.

The complete work, which will form eight handsome volumes containing 6,400 pages, illustrated by many hundreds of maps, diagrams, and photographs, will cost the nominal sum of 23s. 4d. There is, however, no need to pay down this amount or to run into debt by agreeing to purchase on the instalment plan.

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DAMPING DOWN THE KAISER'S FIREBRAND.

FOR every reason it is pleasant news that King Edward may this evening meet and have a short conversation with President Loubet on his way to Marseilles, where the royal yacht lies.

It shows that we are the best of friends with France. It makes plain to the world the fact that the war between France's ally, Russia, and Britain's ally, Japan, has not in any way altered our friendship with our neighbour across the Channel. It also serves as a very neat extinguisher to the German Emperor's latest firebrand.

Why the Imperial quick-change artist suddenly determined to pose as the saviour of Morocco from France nobody knows. He apparently had another fit of the same spleen or vanity which made him strike a heroic attitude in 1896 as the defender of the Transvaal against Britain.

And just as his famous telegram to President Kruger fell exceedingly flat then, so his warlike declarations about Germany protecting Morocco have fallen flat now. He would not have made them if Russia had been in a position to throw any weight on France's side.

But there is generally something forgotten in the German Emperor's calculations. This time he forgot us. We are rather a large object to overlook; but somehow his Imperial eye passed us over. To-day we take the liberty of reminding him that we still exist.

The Anglo-French understanding includes an agreement as to France's "predominant position" in Morocco, and we shall stand by our French friends whenever our support is needed.

WHY NOT WOMEN

ARCHITECTS?

We notice with some apprehension that a licence has been granted to a woman to practise as a dentist in South Africa. Of all the unlikely occupations for women, we should have thought this the unlikeliest. It calls for just the qualities which they mostly lack—physical strength, imperturbable nerves, untiring backs (to stand all day long beside the operating-chair), and callousness to pain in the others.

Much more sensible is the suggestion put forward by Mrs. John Lane, a clever and amusing critic of English and American life, that the inconveniences of the ordinary dwelling would soon be done away with if we had some women architects. That really is a good idea, and there is no reason why it should not be carried out.

A woman's mind is more practical than most men's, to begin with. Furthermore, they know better than men what makes a house comfortable and easy to manage. They spend most of their lives in their houses. Men use them merely as places wherein to dine, sleep, and breakfast.

No woman architect would ever allow a house to have a basement, or a steeply-pitched staircase. She would see that water was laid on to every bedroom, and that "slops" could be got rid of without being carried about in a pail. She would have the join of the wall and the floor rounded instead of angular, so that dust and dirt could be easily swept up. She would put in windows that could be cleaned without danger to life.

These are only a few of the ways in which women could improve our dwellings, but, once started on the path of reform, there would be little danger of their pulling up. Why should not the Garden City, from which we expect so much, give women a chance to design a few, at any rate, of its houses?

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Energy may be turned to bad uses; but more good may always be made of an energetic nature than of an indolent and impassive one.—*John Stuart Mill.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

PRINCESS LOUISE AUGUSTA of Schleswig-Holstein, who was amongst the enthusiasts who attended the meeting of the Dante Society last night, is one of the cleverest and most accomplished of Queen Victoria's granddaughters. She is the youngest daughter of Princess Christian, and lives a great deal with her mother at Schomberg House, Pall Mall, and, at least since her unfortunate marriage with Prince Aribert of Anhalt was dissolved, as far as possible as a private person. She has had a sad experience for one so young. Married as a girl of nineteen, she seemed to outsiders fairly happy, until five years ago. Then, without a word to anyone, she suddenly left her husband, and has, I think, never seen him since. The marriage was dissolved, as the cold phrase goes, "by mutual consent."

There is certain to be a crowd of smart people at the dog show of the Ladies' Kennel Association, which takes place at the Royal Horticultural Hall to-day. I see that Lady Decies, famous as a lover of cats, has entered some animals for competition. Hitherto Lady Decies has spent most of her time in rearing her famous long-haired cats, and I am

every year to see her daughter, the Duchess of Roxburghe. What would London do without these periodical visits of American millionairesses? I should be afraid to guess at the amount which Mrs. Golet spends in presents and entertainments during the season. The only regrettable fact about such visits is that all the pictures and "objects of art" in England are borne off, in spite of high duties, to America. Mrs. Golet's villa at Newport is decorated with all the rarities of medieval and Renaissance art, and she entertains her guests there with all the luxury which nine millions or so enable her to provide.

I was told once that £200,000 was spent in the mere building of her house, and perhaps as much again in the furniture and decoration. Mrs. Golet ought, indeed, to be the happiest woman in America. Her daughter married a Duke, she is one of the richest women in the world, and not very long ago, as a crowning felicity, she had her jewels stolen from her. That was delightful—first, because everybody in America talked about them for at least a week; next, because it transpired that the jewels were worth a fabulous sum; finally, because they were returned by the conscience-stricken thief, absolutely intact, a fortnight or so after the theft. No American woman's career can be considered correctly managed unless her jewels have been stolen at least once, or unless she has had at least one serious motor-car accident.

"ONCE MORE MY PLANS ARE FOILED!"



To-day King Edward and President Loubet may meet in France. The exchange of compliments between them on the occasion of the King's presence in France shows the German Emperor that Britain means to stand by France, however much he may dislike French influence being supreme in Morocco.

surprised to hear that she has time to care for dogs as well. She is the sister of Sir John Willoughby, and at her old home, Fulmer Hall, Buckinghamshire, as well as at Lord Decies' seat, Bersford Lodge, in the same county, she has magnificent "catteries," where the sleek and well-fed animals are kept.

The amount of care lavished on these fortunate creatures is amazing. Lady Decies generally feeds them herself with every kind of succulent meat, and with puddings to make even a human being's mouth water. If a cat fall ill, it is sent at once to a kind of hospital and fussed over with delicate attention until it recovers or dies. Then there is a special cat attendant, who washes the cats' faces in the morning, and combs their hair, and brushes their backs. More marvellous still is the cats' verandah and exercise ground. There the wretches (I find one becomes horribly jealous as one writes about them) disport themselves on summer afternoons. They are not allowed to walk in the sun for fear of their coats fading, and, as they have not yet learnt to use parasols, the verandah is used to protect them.

Rich Americans are beginning to crowd over from New York to spend the season either in Paris or in London. Mrs. Ogden Golet, who is expected this week at Claridge's Hotel, comes here nearly

One of the greatest racing enthusiasts in society is Mr. Hwfa-Williams, who is about to make a pilgrimage from London to America in order to inspect a race track there. Mr. Williams was for some time the chief organiser of Sandown Park races, and he knows everybody of importance in the sporting world. His wife knows, on her side, everybody of importance in society. She is a most original hostess, and dull people who cannot think of anything to do for the amusement of their guests always come to her for advice.

Mrs. Williams gives the most delightful dances in London. As a cotillon leader she is marvellously inventive, and makes the dancers go through the strangest figures. She was at one time constantly entertaining of being entertained. Then, not very long ago, she decided that life in London was really too exhausting, and took to a rustic paradise, which she had fitted up with elaborate variety. There is a Japanese room in this charming house of hers at Coombe Springs, and also an Indian room. There is a tea-house in the grounds, summer-houses, wells, rockeries—and the whole arrangement of the estate shows that Mrs. Williams knows how to enjoy life in the country just as much as she does in town.

Mr. Willie Warde, who appeared in the little play, "Pantoloon," which, as an unexpected horse

d'œuvre, Mr. Barrie sprung upon his faithful public at the Duke of York's Theatre last night, has been for many years the inventor in a rough of Dances at the Gaiety and Daly's. There is no limit to his resources in the discovery of new steps. He meditates over the music given him for an hour or so in the solitude of his rooms. Then, suddenly like one possessed, he leaps up, clears away chairs and tables, and executes a rough sketch of the dance he has been thinking over. Mr. Warde made his debut, by the way, about forty-five years ago in a music-hall force, and on that occasion his name appeared on the programme in this undignified way: "Infant—W. Warde." He was exactly fifteen months old at the time.

Scarcely any living scientist is regarded with more gratitude by those who have suffered from the ills of the flesh than Lord Lister, who celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday yesterday. As the famous inventor of antiseptic surgery, Lord Lister has made possible the almost incredible operations which are successfully carried out nowadays; he has proved that brain and heart and all the most vital portions of the frame can be manipulated with the surgeon's instruments if only these are scientifically clean. In France he is admired almost as much as he is over here, and I remember hearing of a comic experience which befell him at a lecture given during the great Pasteur celebration a few years ago in Paris.

Pasteur himself, at one of the meetings which Lord Lister attended, gave an eloquent address. He mentioned antiseptic surgery, became fervent in praise of it, became wildly enthusiastic, and at last, suddenly turning to Lord Lister, who sat in the front of the audience, he seized him by the hand, led him on to the platform, and kissed him loudly on both cheeks! It would be difficult to look more embarrassed than the reserved British scientist did on that occasion. Lord Lister's reserve is, in fact, one of his most marked characteristics. He owes some of it perhaps to his Quaker upbringing and his long adherence to the Quaker creed and manners.

Enthusiasts for a Shakespeare memorial might do worse than give a little help to the vicar of the church which stands on the spot where stood once the Curtain Theatre, Shoreditch. There took place the first performance of "Romeo and Juliet," in 1596, and of "Henry V.," in 1599. The name is still kept up in Curtain-road, and the church in question is St. James's, in that road. It is in very bad repair, and the only place of worship in the parish. Both the Bishop of Stepney and Archdeacon Sinclair bear witness to the energy of the vicar, Mr. Church. He evidently deserves help.

A WOMAN OF THE HOUR.

Miss Ellen Terry.

IT seems quite wrong to refer to her as "Miss" Ellen Terry. To the public she is Ellen Terry. Fame is above titles. Who would think of speaking of Mr. Dickens or Mr. Thackeray?

Last night she charmed us once more in Mr. Barrie's new play, "Alice Sit-by-the-Fire," at the Duke of York's Theatre.

Once she said, "I just adore the public—and the public loves me back." That is why she cannot retire from the stage.

It is very nearly fifty years ago that, as a little mite of between seven and eight years old, she made her first appearance. Ever since then she has gone on strengthening her hold on the hearts of the theatre-going public. She has a charm of her own both on and off the stage. She is just herself and nothing more, and one wants nothing more.

It is that simplicity of her acting which is one of her greatest charms. She never seems to strive after an effect. She acts as naturally as a bird sings.

And her beauty—it is now, as it has always been, an original. It is impossible to say in what it lies. Whether eyes, features, colouring, nor hair have any special claim to beauty. Yet other faces become insignificant beside hers. She does not seem to be a graceful woman, yet grace pervades each movement.

She is just Ellen Terry—herself—beloved of the great public whom she herself adores. There is only one thing she grudges them, and that is their incessant requests for her autograph.

IN MY GARDEN.

AVANT, 5.—Sweet-peas are now peeping from the soil. Many other seeds, sown last month, are quickly appearing. How wonderful it all is! The tiny seeds put in the ground—stately plants covered with flowers four months later.

The chief points in seed germination are moisture, warmth, and air. Although many seedling plants are "tender," their seeds will often stand many degrees of frost before germination. Heat, however, soon destroys them.

An instance of seed-vitality is that, if a meadow is dug up, seeds that have lain in the soil for years begin to sprout at once.

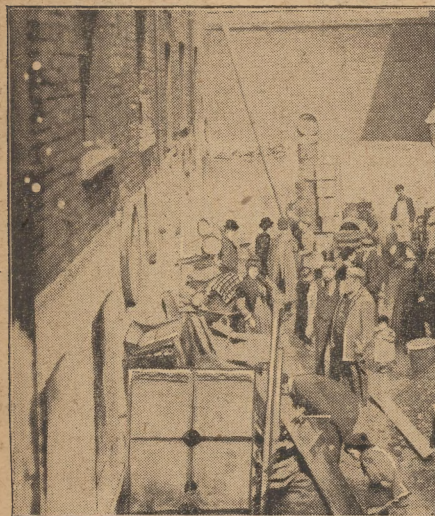
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MIRROR CAMERAGRAPHS



SLUMS OF "LITTLE ITALY" INSPECTED BY THE CLERKENWELL MAGISTRATE YESTERDAY.



In consequence of the Holborn Borough sanitary authorities having applied to the Clerkenwell magistrate for power to close this and several other courts in "Little Italy," on account of their alleged insanitary condition, the magistrate inspected them yesterday.

Another part of Eyre-court, Eyre-street, one of the slums which the sanitary authorities are seeking to close. The photograph above shows a number of barrows used by the Italians of the neighbourhood.

SHIP THAT WILL BEAR THE KING TO-DAY.

KILLED BY RUSSIAN POLICE.

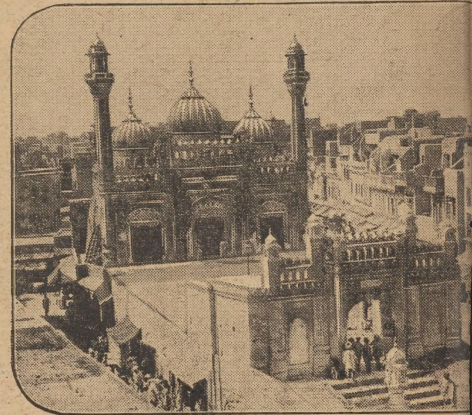
LAHORE MOSQUE DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE.



The turbine steamer Queen, which has been specially fitted and decorated for the crossing, will take King Edward from Dover to Calais to-day.



Miss Zochowski, aged seventeen, who died in the Warsaw prison through ill-treatment.—(See page 6.)



The Juma Masjid, one of the finest mosques in India, which has been seriously damaged by the earthquake.

MR. OSCAR ASCHE AS "THE KING" IN "HAMLET" AT THE ADELPHI THEATRE—SOME STUDIES IN EXPRESSION



Act I., Scene 2: "But now, my cousin Hamlet, and my son, how is it that the clouds still hang on you?"



Act III., Scene 2: "What do you call the play?"



Act IV., Scene 4: "Delay it not, I'll have him hence to-night."



Act V., Scene 2: "Part them, they are incensed."
—(Johnston and H.)

**FINAL RALLY
FREE TRADE!
THIS TUESDAY NIGHT
QUEENS SQUARE**
Wm. L. ASHMOUN ORGANIS.

A Liberal Poster.

BRIGHTON ELECTION

A Campaign by Poster



Mrs. E. A. Villiers.



A Liberal poster parodying the celebrated picture "Bubbles." Mr. Joseph Chamberlain is anxiously watching the bubble "protection," and asking, "Will it burst, too?"



Mr. E. A. Villiers, the Liberal candidate, addressing a meeting of railway men near the railway arch in the Preston-road.



John Bull, as "Sunny Jim," leaping over the protection fence raised by Mr. Chamberlain. One of the many Liberal posters.

LADY LOUISE LODER.



Mr. Gerald Loder, the Unionist candidate, who has received valuable assistance during the campaign from his wife, Lady Louise Loder. — (Photograph by Thomason.)



Mr. E. A. Villiers, the Liberal candidate, who has made a strenuous attempt to gain a victory for his Party. — Photograph Kent and Lacey.

Photo Alice Hughes.]



The Bannerman Pierrots—a Unionist poster. In the background "Old Mr. Bull" is saying to the working man, "That lot any good? No! They've been shouting the same old trash this many a year, and don't get no forrarder."



A free trade poster much in evidence during the election. The free trade shop is crowded with people buying provisions at low prices, while the protection shop, full of high-priced goods, has no customers.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

More Letters from Readers on the Army Rations in South Africa.

From experience during the whole of the war I can assure you that a great quantity of the rations was bad and had to be destroyed, especially tinned stuff, which had been improperly stored in the sun and rain, and thrown about by natives.

I myself was in charge of different blockhouses between Frankfort and Heilbron, and I have no doubt the jam did much to cause dysentery among the men.
G. H. B. (old 38th),
Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.

Those of your correspondents who complain of Army rations in South Africa ought to have served in General Rundle's 8th Division, when half a biscuit, a pannikin of flour, and a lib of bully beef, with quarter rations of coffee and tea without sugar, was the daily fare of the division for about three months.

The troops got so thin and weak that the division were known as the "Greyhounds" and "Rundle's Skeletons." But they did not grumble. They went to fight an enemy, not to a picnic party.
STARVING 8TH.

"Lance-Corporal" talks about fighting for the honour of the country, but I have yet to learn that a man can fight better on rotten bully beef or slimy jam than on good wholesome food. And what of the diluted rum? It was most noticeable that commissioned and non-commissioned officers could get intoxicated, whereas the poor trooper could scarcely taste it.

I even saw officers intoxicated during a night march when the company were expected to be located at any moment.

TROOPER WITH COL. HEATH'S COLUMN.

DR. TORREY ON HELL.

Dr. Torrey says "there are people who say that all the scholarly ministers and clergymen have given up belief in the orthodox hell, but they never gave it up for reasons of Greek or New Testament scholarship. They gave it up for purely sentimental and speculative reasons." Is this a fact? I am under the impression that several Greek scholars have rejected the idea of the orthodox hell from a scholarly point of view. Could some of your numerous readers enlighten me?
8, Maud-street, Norwich. HARRY HILLS.

MORE ALIENS INVITED!

A Birmingham paper has just started an agency for getting over Swedish servants for English homes. Are there not enough aliens in this country already?

After all the talk about Britain for the British, this move strikes me as being almost insane for a newspaper to make. What are we having an Aliens Bill introduced for?
E. C. MCN.
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

JAM.

Jam is probably derived from the Arabic "jhamid" or "jamid," meaning congealed or coagulated.
SEYMOUR H. O'DELL.
West Hampstead.

Souls Adrift.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

CHAPTER XVI.

Cecilia breathed a deep sigh of relief, and the tension upon her nerves relaxed. She could not have explained her fears; knowing, as she did, that Montague Stone had formally identified the body, it seemed unreasonable to doubt. But she could not forget all that she had undergone on that day when the knowledge came to her that the man whom she had figured in his grave was actually alive—that she was still bound to him; the handmaid of his caprices. She had recognised that it was her duty to return to him; for the moment some of the love she had bestowed upon the man had revived; she had been about to throw over all her own ambition for his sake. Then—a fresh blow and one bestowed under circumstances specially cruel—she had learnt of Robert's second, and this time successful, attempt at suicide; she had learnt, too, the true reason for the act. Her husband was a thief, and his sin had found him out. And it was not only of theft that Julian Darell had accused him; Mrs. Chesson had revealed to the story the infidelity, and Cecilia had learnt of Robert's cruelty, his callousness to other women. Lidiard was a bad man, an ignoble person, so Paula Chesson had said, and her cousin Julian had but done his duty in threatening to expose him, even though the action had led to the final tragedy.

And the world had agreed, with Paula Chesson when it heard the evidence given at the inquest by Julian Darell and Montague Stone. Robert Lidiard went unhonoured to his grave.

But, in spite of all, Cecilia had been harassed by a torturing dread that what had happened once might happen again. Was it certain that the body

THE POPULAR SONG OF THE HOUR.

"Navaho," sung by Miss Louie Pounds in "The Catch of the Season," has taken some time to find its way into everybody's mouth, but it has done so at last. It is whistled, and hummed, and sung on all sides. We publish the words and music of the chorus (by permission of Messrs. Francis, Day, and Hunter).

CHORUS.

"Na - va - Na - va - my Na - va - ho, I have a
love for you that will grow..... If you'll have a
coon for a bean, I'll have a Na - va - ho"

1.
2.

Fine.
D.C.

The verse-words are as follows:—

Down on the sand-hills of New Mexico
There lived an Indian maid,
One of the tribe they call the Navaho,
Face of a copper shade,
And every evening there came a coon,
Softly his love to plead,
There by the silvery light of the moon
He'd help her string her beads,
And under the moonlit sky
To her he would softly cry.

This Indian maiden told the coloured man
She wanted lots to wear—
Laces and blankets and a powder-can,
Jewels and pipe-stone rare;
"You bring me feathers, dear, from the store";
He answered, "Have no fear,
I'll bring you feathers, babe, by the score,
If there are chickens near."
With joy then the maiden sighed
When to her once more he cried.

recovered from the Thames was that of Robert? self; "but if it had been so I should suffer now, and there is no suffering in this. No, it is a great release, a hope of the future."

Of a sudden she became conscious that Montague Stone had risen also and was standing beside her, following the direction of her eyes. He laid his hand lightly upon her shoulder.

"What do you see, Cecilia?" he whispered.
"I see the sunshine," she answered softly, her voice lowered and filled, as it were, with awe.
"Day after day I have been looking back into the darkness, but now I see the sunshine before me."

A sense of great happiness came upon him.

"Cecilia," he murmured, "you have passed through the valley. You have known what it is to be enveloped by shadows. Now the valley has opened out, and the beautiful plain smiles before you. Let us never go back to the shadows."

"No," she answered dreamily, "let us never go back to them."
There was a moment's pause. The man hesitated even now to speak what was in his mind. He was conscious, though Cecilia had said no word aloud, of the joy that had come to her in the knowledge of her independence. He was asking her to bind herself once more. Had he the right to do this? His limbs trembled with emotion, yet he felt that he must speak. Another day it might be too late.

"Do you know why I have sought you out, Cecilia?" he faltered. "I don't think you do, but I should like to tell you. Last night, you remember, I said there was something of which I wished to speak to you to-day. Will you listen to me now?"
She recoiled from him slightly. A suspicion of the truth had come upon her the night before, but she had dismissed it in favour of the thronging thoughts which had pressed into her mind. She had never dreamed of love in connection with Montague Stone. She had recognised him only as a very dear friend, and she had accepted the kindness which he had showered upon her and her husband almost as a matter of course. To her he

"I thought I loved him," she murmured to her-

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MICROBES, GOOD AND BAD.

Few discoveries have been more remarkable, or have had such marked results in all directions, as the discovery of the important part that microbes play both in health and disease. These living organisms are so exceedingly small that it takes a strong microscope to make them visible, and yet, though we cannot see them, countless myriads surround us at every moment of the day, and fight for or against man, he being unconscious all the time of the work they are doing. Some microbes serve man and others act as his enemies.

SOME BAD MICROBES.

The whole theory of the treatment of disease has been changed by the fact that we now know that most, if not all, of the thousand ills to which flesh is heir, are due to the microbes of disease. We now know that scrofula, that terrible scourge, consumption, tumours, erysipelas, abscesses, boils, and other blood diseases are all due to microbes which have in some way gained admission to the body. Their breeding-places are bad drains, foul air, unhealthy surroundings, poisoned wounds, and from all of these great armies of microbes march out to attack men, women, and children.

WE ARE ALL LIABLE.

Everyone of us is liable to be attacked by these microbes or disease germs, and however careful we are some will find a way into our bodies. Now let us see what happens. In the blood there are countless numbers of living moving bodies known as corpuscles, some of them red and some of them white. The work of the red corpuscles is to carry oxygen from the air we breathe into every part of the body, but that of the white is rather different. The white corpuscles have feelers and suckers, and move about backwards and forwards in the blood. When they meet the mischievous microbes in the blood they kill and eat them up, and thus prevent them doing mischief.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BLOOD PURITY.

If you want to prevent the microbes of disease from injuring your army of home defence must be kept strong and vigorous. Remember always that "prevention is better than cure," and it is a thousand times better to adopt measures of precaution, and thus avoid illness, than to get ill and then look for a remedy. If your blood has plenty of white corpuscles all in vigorous health the microbes of disease will be unable to do you harm, but if you are in what is called a low condition, are run down, or your blood is impure, or the proportion of white corpuscles is smaller than it should be, you will "catch" diseases, as people say, that they who are careful to keep themselves strong and healthy have plenty of good, wholesome nourishing food, and to keep your dwelling-place well ventilated, well lighted, and well drained. There is nothing that the germs of disease dread so much as light and pure air.

HOW TO PURIFY YOUR BLOOD.

There are certain elements that destroy disease microbes, and these are found in the natural mineral springs of Harrogate, Strathpeffer, and other places. That is why doctors send their patients to drink the waters at those springs. When your medical man recognises that your troubles are due to the impurity of your blood he suggests that you should drink the Harrogate waters, and says that if you do this you will regain your health as a result. There is, however, no necessity to go to Harrogate, as the same elements which give their value to the Harrogate waters are contained in "Antexema Granules" and these you can take in your own home at a cost of less than a halfpenny a day. You thus get the benefit of the treatment without losing your time, spending many pounds of your money, and interrupting your business.

WHAT "ANTEXEMA GRANULES" ARE.

They are the cheapest and best form of blood medicine known, as they purify the blood and act as an antidote to poisonous matter. They are beautifully made under careful scientific direction, they do not upset the digestion or stain the teeth, they are not aperient, and are sugar-coated, so that children take them as readily as adults.

WHAT THEY ARE GOOD FOR.

"Antexema Granules" should be taken whenever the blood is impure and you have spots, blotches, scurvy, blackheads, or breakings-out on your face or other part of the body. They are the very best possible remedy for boils, Granules, and whitlows; and for those forms of indigestion which, in people of nervous disposition, cause asthma, "Antexema Granules" are magical in their effect. For a similar reason they are a cure for whooping cough and St. Vitus' Dance, both of which are nervous complaints; and many cases of diabetes are cured by "Antexema Granules." They cannot, of course, cure cancer or tumour when it has once formed, but they purify the blood so powerfully that their regular use will prevent return of the disease after operation.

"Antexema Granules" (registered) have no laxative or aperient action, as such medicines are often dangerous. "Antexema Granules" are prepared under careful scientific direction, and supplied in wooden bottles containing 100 granules by Chemists and Stores everywhere. Price 1s. 1d., or, post free, 1s. 2d., from the "Antexema" Company, 88, Castle Road, London, N.W.

NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED

INCOMES FOR GIRLS WITH ARTISTIC TALENT AND A LIKING FOR DRESS.

THE MONEY-MAKERS.

CAREER OF AN ARTIST IN FASHION-PLATES DISCUSSED.

Talking the matter of secretarial work over with Mrs. Shaw, and including in that shorthand and typewriting, I made up my mind that a secretarial post is far less harassing than that of a governess or of a companion. Indeed, very early in my career I determined that if a companion would entail so much self-repression and so many other disagreeables that I would not contemplate it for an instant. There may be girls whose dispositions fit them for a life of this sort, but I am certainly not one of them.

I came to the conclusion also that I would like to aim at higher results than the salary of the average secretary. The remuneration offered is usually from 15s. to 25s. a week. On a higher rung of the ladder there are bigger salaries to be obtained, and the shorthand writer who knows foreign languages, and particularly German and French, can command higher pay. Then, too, with capital an expert may set up in business for herself and become an employer of labour instead of only one of the employed. In circumstances such as this incomes from about £150 to £500 a year are obtained.

Artist of Sorts.

As I know no language will save my own, and have no capital, I saw clearly that it would not be very enterprising of me to set to work to learn typewriting and shorthand. I had an idea that I typewriting and shorthand, and wondered whether I should ever be able to follow in the footsteps of a girl in the home, who drew fashion plates for the ladies' papers.

She had only been six months at the business, but was already making her way, and, as she was kind enough to be friendly to me, I asked her to tell me something about the life, which she did. At any rate, I thought, even if I were not clever enough myself to become a fashion artist, one of my little sisters who is decidedly talented in that way might profit by what I should hear, and might begin training early.

"I began this work," said Miss Tiny (she was so little that that is what we called her in the home in our playful moments), "owing to the suggestion of a friend of mine who is a mannequin in one of the smartest dressmaking establishments in London. By the way," she added, "there are callings less interesting than that of a mannequin."

"What is a mannequin?" I asked in surprise, dimly connecting the term in my ignorant mind with the marionettes that used to amuse us when we were little girls.

"A mannequin is a very pretty girl with an exquisite figure," answered Miss Tiny, "who is dressed in the model toilettes of the establishment

The tunic is now one of the smartest adjuncts of the toilette, and is shown on the right made of olive-green cashmere over a cream chiffon petticoat, edged with ecru lace and chiffon rosettes.



less trying than other callings for girls. So I deftly brought Miss Tiny back to the subject of fashion drawing for the Press, and she continued her story.

It appears that the mannequin whose friendship she values told her that in the establishment in which she worked three artists were constantly employed, inventing designs and making drawings in water-colours for the "dressmakers' customers. They were paid at the rate of two guineas a week each and their dinner and tea, and were qualifying themselves for private work at home for the dress papers. "You can understand," said Miss Tiny, "what splendid ideas girls in such a position are able to glean, and how many opportunities they have of seeing really smart women. It is one of the essentials of a successful dress artist that she be able to draw this type of woman instead of the ordinary creature that has no real style about her."

I asked Miss Tiny whether she had occupied a position such as she described to me in one of the large dressmaking establishments, and she said that she was working up for it then. Her friend had asked her one very critical question before she recommended her to take up the work and that

tures or modelling sculpture. They do not regard it as one definite and laudable branch of art, and therefore do not take the trouble to interest themselves in chiffons, which accounts for the fact that so many dress artists entirely lack ideas and render themselves of far less value to the editors of the ladies' papers than they would be were their instinct and appreciation of dress a reality.

"I don't myself see that there is anything to be ashamed of in really liking and appreciating dress, and in regarding it as one form of art and beauty. 'I am sure I do,' assented this fashion plate worker, as she cleverly added to a smart hat she



Charming and simple design for a spring blouse composed of corn-coloured batiste, with cross-over bands inset with coarse lace to match the batiste in colour.

was drawing the latest idea in flower wreaths, posed just in the exact place it should be to provide a finishing touch to the model.

(To be continued.)

A PRIZE AWARD.

The prize of five shillings offered for the best recipe for cooking two pounds of codfish is awarded to Mrs. Lawford, Langton, Tunbridge Wells, whose "Codfish à la Royale" is excellent. Highly commended are the recipes sent in by Mrs. Knowles, 102, City-road, Sheffield, and Mollie Kennedy, The Schools, Tewesley, Thame.

A prize of five shillings is now offered for the best recipe for a cake or small cakes, the cost of which must not exceed 1s. 6d. The recipes, which should be written on postcards only, and addressed Woman's Page, *Daily Mirror*, 25, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C., should reach us by the first post on Thursday morning, April 13.

CODFISH A LA ROYALE.

(Prize Recipe, from Mrs. Lawford, Langton, Tunbridge Wells.)

Take two pounds of cod—the tail end will do for the purpose—pass a knife down each side of the bone, then press in the following stuffing:—Rub the crumb of a French roll through a coarse strainer, mix it with one ounce of finely-chopped suet or cooked fat bacon, a pinch of dried parsley and sweet herbs, salt, pepper, half a teaspoonful of anchovy essence, and one egg. Make half a pint of thin melted butter, squeeze into it the juice of half a lemon, add the pepper and half a teaspoonful of anchovy essence. Pour all into a baking-dish, lay the stuffed fish in it, and bake it in a moderate oven for one hour. Baste it well, but do not let it brown. Should the gravy get too thick, add some water to it, flavoured with anchovy and a little nutmeg. When it is cooked, remove it to a hot dish and strain the gravy over it. If the baking-dish is presentable, serve it in it.

was this: Have you a real feeling and instinct for dress? Miss Tiny, who is the smartest possible little woman, and seems able to garb herself prettily on next to nothing a year, replied that she had, and her friend explained that this was absolutely an essential for her future success.

She told her that many girls with artistic talents take up the work of fashion plate artists simply because they cannot make money by painting pic-

I feel as if I were a different person, and I have not yet got accustomed to my new self. In time I shall understand. Then we can talk again."

The man's heavy face brightened. After all, perhaps, he had not done so ill to speak.

"Thank you, Cecilia," he said gratefully. "I was a fool to tell you my feelings so soon. But I could not restrain myself. You are all the world to me, and when—after thinking that I had lost you—I saw you yesterday at the theatre, I knew that the words would force their way out. But now I will wait. It will not be so hard to wait since you have hidden me so."

He raised her hand to his lips and kissed it with a quaint courtesy. Then he moved to the door, and for a moment flumbled awkwardly with the handle.

"I don't know why I should fear danger for you," he said, with some hesitation. "Perhaps it is old-fashioned prejudice against this new profession of yours. But it is a fact that I feel—and feel strongly—you need someone to watch over

you. Let me be that someone, Cecilia. I shall be happy upon those terms."

"You shall," she replied gaily, "but for myself I fear no danger. I am free—and to-day—at last I realise my independence."

She hardly noticed that, without further word, he had withdrawn. A strange exaltation had come upon her—a sense of happiness. This interview with Montague Stone had brought home to her the sense of her absolute freedom. The yoke of marriage had accented the realisation of it.

"Poor Montague," she murmured, but her thoughts were not with him.

She returned to the window and stood there, her breast heaving as she inhaled the fresh morning air with keen delight. Every breath she drew was redolent of new life. It was as if she had cast some disease from her, risen from a bed of sickness to a fresh vitality.

"Thank God for life!" she murmured. She spoke as though she had indeed passed through the valley of shadows.

(To be continued.)

PRACTICAL CHARITY.

On tables and chairs at the Charing Cross Hospital Nurses' Home yesterday were displayed hundreds of plain garments made by the dainty fingers of the ladies of the Charing Cross Hospital Guild during the past year.

Instead of doing useless embroidery of the usual bazaar kind, these ladies have sewn during the first year of their existence as a guild the following practical articles.

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SOULS ADRIFT.

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than I do at present. Will you promise me this, Montague?" She lifted her pleading eyes to his, and he felt himself a rough brute, wholly unworthy of that for which he had asked.

"I promise," he said awkwardly. He moved slowly and with uncertain tread to a little table upon which he had placed his hat. "I think I'll be going now," he muttered.

She sprang lightly forward, interposing herself between him and the door. There was a smile upon her lips, and, seeing it, he too, smiled.

"You mustn't go away looking unhappy," she said. "I should be miserable myself if I thought I had caused you pain. Remember it is only because I cannot answer you now. Let us see a great deal of each other. I am a free woman; I am answerable to no one in the world for my actions.

HUNTING FESTIVAL AT CROXTON PARK.

Lord Lonsdale's Agility—A Merry Meeting—Cicero's Mishap.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Croxtan Park, one of the most interesting of the annual meetings towards the close of the hunting season, brought together yesterday the usual merry re-union on the Duke of Rutland's property. Members of the Belvoir and Pynchley Hunts assembled in great force, and there were parties from country houses and hunting-boxes for miles around in the Melton Mowbray district.

The programme was mixed, but very interesting, and the sport would have afforded more entertainment had the weather been more genial. The floor of the stewards' stand collapsed just as the second race was run. No one was hurt. Lord Lonsdale, thanks to his agility and strength superior to all contingencies, seized hold of a rail, hung on, and slipped down, finding nothing but amusement in the incident.

Fighting Furley, according to Mr. George Thursty a successful ride in the opening race, won easily, and secured their expenses for many of the visitors. Sir John Thursty has sold his fighting Furley to go to an Australian stud, and this was his last appearance on a racecourse in England. The Private Sweepstakes was probably the most interesting item on the programme for the local folk concerned in either the Quorn, Belvoir, Cotmore, Mr. Fernie's, or the Earl of Harrington's Hounds.

Many well-known and hardy mounts in the race, Lord Cholmondeley rode in Lord Cowley's colours, the veteran Lord Clayton appeared on his own horse, Zigzag, Captain E. C. Clayton was up on St. Martin, and Mr. A. J. Schwabe on Hagen. The race resulted in a win for Tipperary III., well ridden by Major Onslow, one of our best military horsemen. Clorane's Pride, an odd-on chance, came up very modestly.

Dædalus was reported not to have eaten an oat since his arrival from the States, but nevertheless the race was always favourite for the Granby Handicap, and, thanks to superior jockeyship, won. Mr. Thursty, however, was not destined to score on Croxtan, as the Billesden Plate, Lynton, on Barbecue, beating him by a neck. The winner was bought in for 50 guineas.

Green Dragon was unlucky to lose the Croxtan Park Stakes, as fifty yards from home he was well clear, but, owing to the night, shot the rider over the rails, and Theobroma gelding, easily, McCall escaped injury. Briana won the Farmers' Plate and White Webs the Waltham Hurdle.

The latest news as to Lord Rosebery's Cicero, our most doubtful opponent against the French in the forthcoming Derby, is not particularly satisfactory. The injury to the near fore-cannon sustained on Thursday set up inflammation and obliged Cicero's retirement for some days from exercise. It was given a long spell of walking yesterday morning, and appeared to be sound. Visitors to Newmarket next week will not see him run at the Craven meeting.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

LEICESTER.
Oadby Plate—LADY LENA, m. 3.
Bottesford Plate—INDUCTION.
Durham Plate—OUTBREAK.
Melton Plate—SIR JOSHUA.
Billesden Plate—ANCASTER.

SPECIAL SELECTION.

ANCASTER.

POINTEFRAC.

3.45.—Prince of Wales's Stakes—FUJI YAMA FILLY.
4.0.—Trial Handicap—PIEMAN.
4.30.—Pointefract Sprint Handicap—CYCLES.
4.45.—Leeds Welter—FIRDALE.
4.50.—Stand Plate—CHON KINA.
4.55.—Castle Plate—SIR JOSHUA.

GREY FRIARS.

PLACED HORSES AND PRICES AT CROXTON PARK.

1.30.—BELVOIR WELTER PLATE. "Sporting Life," m. 3.
1.—FIGHTING FURLEY, aged. One mile. (4 ran).
2.—VIVIANE, 4 yrs. 10 toll 5 to 6.
3.—WAXBILL, 4 yrs. 12 toll 2 to 1.
4.—PRIVACY, 4 yrs. 12 toll 1 to 10.
5.—GRANBY (Weller) HANDICAP. One mile and a half. (6 ran).
1.—DÆDALUS, 3 yrs. 10 toll 5 to 4.
2.—PONTONVILLE, 4 yrs. 10 toll 7 to 1.
3.—EXTRADITION, 4 yrs. 12 toll 5 to 1.
4.—BARBECUE, 3 yrs. 11 toll 4 to 1.
5.—CAFE NOIR, 3 yrs. 10 toll 12 to 1.
6.—OLIVINE, 3 yrs. 10 toll 12 to 1.
7.—THEOBROMA, 4 yrs. 10 toll 12 to 1.
8.—JAVOTRE, 4 yrs. 10 toll 12 to 1.
9.—WHITE SOCKS IV, 4 yrs. 10 toll 12 to 1.
10.—BELL OF THE BARRAGE, 4 yrs. 10 toll 12 to 1.
11.—WALTHAM HANDICAP HURDLE RACE PLATE. Two miles. (6 ran).
1.—WHITE WEBS, 3 yrs. 12 toll 8 to 1.
2.—ATHOS, 4 yrs. 11 toll 7 to 1.
3.—ARMY TRUDE, 3 yrs. 11 toll 7 to 1.
4.—CICERO, 4 yrs. 11 toll 7 to 1.
5.—PIEMAN, 4 yrs. 11 toll 7 to 1.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

LEICESTER.

GOPBAIL SELLING PLATE of 100 sovs; two-year-olds 7s, three 9s 4d, four 10s 7s, five and upwards 10s 9s 4d, and 6 allowed 20s; maiden three-year-olds and upwards allowed 40s; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Six furlongs, straight.

BILLESDEN PLATE (Handicap) of 200 sovs. One mile, straight.
Maiden II. 5 to 1
Gavelli 4 to 1
Acaster 3 to 1
P. Michael 2 to 1
Golden Touse 1 to 1
Syncope 4 to 1
Dividend 4 to 1

DURHAM PLATE of 102 sovs. One mile and one furlong.
St. Walston 5 to 1
Eastern Prize 4 to 1
C. Ch. 3 to 1
Wild Willow 2 to 1
Winning Club 1 to 1
Vigilant 4 to 1
Cyanine 3 to 1
Supremacy 2 to 1

BOTTESFORD SELLING HANDICAP PLATE of 100 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.
Pancy Free II. 5 to 1
Salvador 4 to 1
Locking 3 to 1
Honore 2 to 1
E. Ch. 1 to 1
Sappho Park 4 to 1
Garrison Belle 3 to 1
Shillshere 2 to 1

MELTON PLATE (Handicap) of 200 sovs. Five furlongs, straight.
Cloverley 5 to 1
Morris 4 to 1
H. Ch. 3 to 1
Hill Holiday 2 to 1
Clifford Lad 1 to 1
Claydon II. 4 to 1
Rat Ann 3 to 1
Chapman 2 to 1
W. Ch. 1 to 1
Sweet John 4 to 1
Country Boy 3 to 1
Melindus 2 to 1
R. Ch. 1 to 1
Lark 4 to 1
Lady Beth 3 to 1

OADBY MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE of 103 sovs. Four furlongs, straight.
Lady Lena 5 to 1
Phosphor 4 to 1
Make Up 3 to 1
Ramrod 2 to 1
Scale 1 to 1
W. Ch. 4 to 1
Lamb and Flag 3 to 1
Punch 2 to 1
Signal 1 to 1
Blond Wall 4 to 1
Kord Kiri 3 to 1
P. Ch. 2 to 1
South Edinburgh f. 1 to 1
Clifford Lad 4 to 1
Port Ellen 3 to 1
Bathelhorpe 2 to 1
Boland 1 to 1

POINTEFRAC.

STAND SELLING PLATE of 150 sovs; two-year-olds 5s, three 6s, four 7s, five 8s, six 9s, seven 10s, eight 11s, nine 12s, ten 13s, eleven 14s, twelve 15s, thirteen 16s, fourteen 17s, fifteen 18s, sixteen 19s, seventeen 20s, eighteen 21s, nineteen 22s, twenty 23s, twenty-one 24s, twenty-two 25s, twenty-three 26s, twenty-four 27s, twenty-five 28s, twenty-six 29s, twenty-seven 30s, twenty-eight 31s, twenty-nine 32s, thirty 33s, thirty-one 34s, thirty-two 35s, thirty-three 36s, thirty-four 37s, thirty-five 38s, thirty-six 39s, thirty-seven 40s, thirty-eight 41s, thirty-nine 42s, forty 43s, forty-one 44s, forty-two 45s, forty-three 46s, forty-four 47s, forty-five 48s, forty-six 49s, forty-seven 50s, forty-eight 51s, forty-nine 52s, fifty 53s, fifty-one 54s, fifty-two 55s, fifty-three 56s, fifty-four 57s, fifty-five 58s, fifty-six 59s, fifty-seven 60s, fifty-eight 61s, fifty-nine 62s, sixty 63s, sixty-one 64s, sixty-two 65s, sixty-three 66s, sixty-four 67s, sixty-five 68s, sixty-six 69s, sixty-seven 70s, sixty-eight 71s, sixty-nine 72s, seventy 73s, seventy-one 74s, seventy-two 75s, seventy-three 76s, seventy-four 77s, seventy-five 78s, seventy-six 79s, seventy-seven 80s, seventy-eight 81s, seventy-nine 82s, eighty 83s, eighty-one 84s, eighty-two 85s, eighty-three 86s, eighty-four 87s, eighty-five 88s, eighty-six 89s, eighty-seven 90s, eighty-eight 91s, eighty-nine 92s, ninety 93s, ninety-one 94s, ninety-two 95s, ninety-three 96s, ninety-four 97s, ninety-five 98s, ninety-six 99s, ninety-seven 100s.

PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES of 5 sovs each (1 ft to the pound, with 100 sovs added, for two-year-olds. Four furlongs and 103 yards.
Danavon 5 to 1
Ladly Oadby 4 to 1
Knight 3 to 1
Ladly Oadby 2 to 1
Cawwell 1 to 1
Douglas Grand 4 to 1
Saint Errant 3 to 1
Patrons C 2 to 1
Moral Lily C 1 to 1
Sovereign 4 to 1
West Field 3 to 1
Fairy Dance 2 to 1
Scotts Broad 1 to 1
King Sapphire 4 to 1
Ultima Thule 3 to 1
Totally f. 2 to 1
Sweden f. 1 to 1
Full Yama f. 4 to 1

TRIAL HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.
Zanoni 5 to 1
Bibby 4 to 1
Dr. Jim 3 to 1
Kazake 2 to 1
Whitcomb 1 to 1
Baydale 4 to 1
A. S. A. 3 to 1
St. Langton 2 to 1
Duchess 3 1 to 1
All Joy 4 to 1

POINTEFRAC SELLING HANDICAP of 5 sovs each (2 ft to the pound, with 200 sovs added. One mile and a quarter.
Oreclades 5 to 1
Bistonian 4 to 1
Red Warrior 3 to 1
P. Ch. 2 to 1
St. John's Wood 1 to 1
Solano 4 to 1
Boss Oodby 3 to 1

CASTLE PLATE of 100 sovs. One mile and a half.
Sir Joshua 5 to 1
Kinbrace 4 to 1
Whitcomb 3 to 1
Sertorius 2 to 1
Nipper 1 to 1
Golden Prince 4 to 1
Simponet 3 to 1
H. Ch. 2 to 1
Romano 1 to 1

LEEDS SELLING WELTER HANDICAP PLATE of 150 sovs. One mile and one furlong.
Lovett 5 to 1
Jedburgh 4 to 1
J. Ch. 3 to 1
King's Idler 2 to 1
Levittree 1 to 1
Rushmore 4 to 1
Drova 3 to 1

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

THE DERBY.
(Run Wednesday, May 21. Distance, one mile and a half. 5 to 2 Jock (t and o). In France.
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SOUTHERN RUGBY CHAMPIONS.

Middlesex Beat Devon by 18 Points to 6 in the Deciding Match.

In beating Devon at Richmond yesterday by 18 points to 6 Middlesex, for the first time since the county competition has been on its present basis, have qualified for the final stage. They will therefore meet Durham, the Northern champions, in the final game, which will be played on a Durham ground—probably West Hartlepool—on a date yet to be mutually agreed upon.

Middlesex, headed the South-Eastern Division three years ago, but were defeated by Gloucestershire, the winners in the South-West, who subsequently lost at Gloucester.

Middlesex quite deserved their victory yesterday. They owed it mainly to their forwards, who controlled the ball in the scrummages, and were fast and clever in the open. They were seen at their best in the second half, when the play was mostly in the Middlesex quarters. Middlesex were fortunate in playing with a strong wind in the first half. It meant much, but probably few sides would have made such good use of it as Middlesex did. They scored four tries—all good tries—and at the interval led by eighteen points.

The game was then as good as over. Nothing short of a miracle could have pulled the match round.

Devon Press Hard.

In the second half Devon kept their opponents almost entirely on the defensive, but they succeeded in scoring twice. Their backs had many chances, but were unable to turn them to proper account.

Personally I was most interested in Jago, the Devonian, who played a good club half-back, and to international honours have been so strongly urged. I must confess I saw nothing in his play to suggest that he is other than a good club half. Through a bad blunder on his part Middlesex gained their second try.

The Middlesex backs, without displaying any special ability, snapped up their chances and accomplished far better work than their opponents.

"Pedlar" Palmer was in great form. He finished two excellent movements by scoring in each case, and had a big hand in a third try.

It was not a great match, much of the play being of a scrambling order, but it was a very good one, and justifies the belief that they will give Durham a good shaking up.

I expect the championship to come south. TOUCHED.

OTHERS RESULTS.

ASSOCIATION.

THE LEAGUE.—Division I.

NEWCASTLE UNITED, 2; ASTON VILLA, 0.
At Newcastle, in cold, showery, boisterous weather, before 22,000 spectators. Spencer was absent from the Villa. Brother Andrew played at right back. The Villa played in the first half against the wind. Newcastle pressed, and Vetch scored after half an hour.

In the second half the wind had dropped a little. The Villa attacked spiritedly, but were well met. Appleby scored a second goal for Newcastle. The Villa towards the close played nine men, Brown and Wilkes having been hurt, but Wilkes returned.

EVERTON, 1; WOOLWICH ARSENAL, 0.
This postponed match was played last evening at Goodison. The weather before 12,000 spectators. The wind behind them in the first half, but play ruled fairly even, each side attacking in turn. Everton were the cleverer, and after some persistent pressure Young scored for them just before the interval.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE, 2; TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, 1.
At Plymouth, in gloriously fine weather, before an attendance of about 10,000. Both sides were weak. Woodward, O'Hagan, Kiwan, Hughes, and Watson being absent from the "Spurs" team, and McLuckie, Dalrymple, and Leech, of Argyle, also being away.

The play was interesting with much hot play, the defence being superior to the attack. Walton scored for the Spurs in the first half. Wright and Hodgkinson scored in the second half for Plymouth, who won by 2 to 1.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

BRISTOL ROVERS, 1; PORTSMOUTH, 2.
At Bristol, before 1,500 spectators. Both teams were strongly represented. Portsmouth, with stiff lines behind them, had the best of the exchanges in the first half, and scored by Axford and Smith.

Both improved subsequently, and after Dunkley had scored they many times looked like equalising, but Portsmouth played a fine defensive game, and, frustrating all their efforts, won by 2 to 1.

ARMY CUP SEMI-FINAL.

2nd GRENADIER GUARDS, 1; 2nd SCOTS GUARDS, 0.
This match, the second of the semi-finals of the Army Cup, was played at Fulham yesterday before a small, but enthusiastic crowd. The wind interfered largely with the play, but a hard, strenuous game took place.

Nothing was scored in the first half, but ten minutes from the fifth King scored for the Grenadiers from a centre by Chaplin.

NORTHERN UNION.

THE LEAGUE.—Division I.
LEEDS, 3 pts.; WIGAN, 0.
At Wigan, on muddy ground, before a small attendance. Leonard scored a try for Leeds just on half-time, and this proved the only point of the game.

NORTHERN UNION CUP.—Replayed Tie.

BRADFORD, 8 pts.; OLDHAM, 5 pts.
This game was played at Bradford in boisterous and showery weather, before about 15,000 spectators. In the first half Bradford had the advantage of the wind, and Eagers and Surman scored a try each and Moby kicked a penalty-goal. After change of ends Leeds scored a try and Ferguson kicked a goal for Oldham, who were beaten by a goal and 2 tries to a goal and a try.

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The Company will acquire the leasehold buildings known as Carmelite House, and the freehold premises, printing works, with the fixed and loose plant therein; the leasehold premises, No. 52, Lothbury, E.C., the business premises, and the fixed and loose plant therein; the freehold printing premises situated at Deansgate, Manchester, and the machinery and plant therein; in addition to the copyright in the "Daily Mail," the "Overseas Mail," the "Illustrated Mail," the "Evening News," and the "Weekly Dispatch."

Carmelite House was erected in the year 1898, and is claimed to compare favourably with most modern printing offices and works in the United Kingdom. The plant is of a completely up-to-date character, and is the best in the entire London issue of the "Daily Mail" and the "Evening News," also the entire London issue of the "Weekly Dispatch." The freehold printing works at Deansgate, Manchester, are equipped with modern printing machinery of the highest class. The "Daily Mail," the "Overseas Mail," the "Illustrated Mail," the "Evening News," and the "Weekly Dispatch" are printed at these works, as well as the Manchester edition of the "Weekly Dispatch."

The buildings, equipment, and plant acquired by the Company have cost the Vendors upwards of £200,000, after allowing for depreciation.

The "Daily Mail" was first published on the 4th day of May, 1896. From its inception it acquired a leading position in modern newspaper enterprise, a position largely increased as years have gone by. Its circulation is much in excess of that of any daily penny or halfpenny newspaper in the United Kingdom.

The "Illustrated Mail" is a weekly paper, and was first published in the month of July, 1899. The "Overseas Mail" was first published in the month of November, 1900. The circulation of and the profit realised from these publications are satisfactory.

The "Evening News" was first published in the year 1881. It was purchased by Sir Alfred Harmsworth and others in the year 1894, and at that time became a great financial success. In November, 1896, it was acquired by the "Evening News," Limited, and since that date its success and popularity are evidenced by the fact that the profits as shown by the audited accounts have increased from £25,000 in its first financial year to £44,815 in the year ending 31st October, 1904.

The "Weekly Dispatch" was founded in the year 1803. It was acquired by the Newspaper Syndicate, Limited, in July, 1903. At that date it was not conducted at a profit, but the manner in which it has responded to the energetic and successful management of the Company since that date upon its publication is evidenced by the large increase in circulation, which has been brought about by the fact that in publication has been reduced with increase in circulation, and it is confidently anticipated that substantial profits will result in the future. The Contract of Sale indemnifies the Company against loss during a period of two years. The political and literary content of the above-named newspapers is vested in Sir Alfred Harmsworth during his lifetime.

Messrs. DeLott, Dever, Griffiths, and Co. have given the following certificate as to profits:-

4, Lothbury, London, E.C., 27th March, 1905.

We have examined the Books of the "Daily Mail" Publishing Company, Ltd., from the 28th October, 1903, to the 31st October, 1904, and of the "Evening News," Ltd., from the 1st November, 1901, to the 31st of October, 1904, and we certify that the accounts produced before us are correct.

changing Income Tax, Directors' Fees and Interest, have averaged in the period upwards of £152,000 per annum. In arriving at this sum all repairs and renewals of plant, and all plant, and Type have been charged, as well as Depreciation.

The Profits of the last year exceeded the above figure. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS, and CO.

Thus the dividend on the Preference shares is more than twice covered, while the dividends on the Preference Ordinary Shares are covered considerably more than six times over.

The Company will take over all the businesses as going concerns, and will assume the liabilities and the responsibility of all current contracts existing at that date, including contracts for service of the present staff. Vendor Companies will discharge all liabilities at the same date.

The following contracts have been entered into:

1. Dated the fourth day of April, 1905, between the "Daily Mail" Publishing Company, Limited, of Carmelite House, E.C., of the one part, and the Company of the other part, whereby the first-named Company agreed to sell and this Company agreed to purchase the goodwill, copyright, and trade name of the "Daily Mail," the goodwill, copyright, and trade name of the "Illustrated Mail," and the goodwill of the business carried on by the first-named Company, also the leasehold premises known as Carmelite House and the fixed and loose plant, trade utensils, furniture, and effects in and about the main building belonging to the first-named Company, the leasehold premises, No. 52, Lothbury-street, and the freehold premises and printing works situate at Deansgate, Manchester, and the fixed and loose plant, trade utensils, furniture, and effects in and about the same, the purchase price being the sum of £1,032,993 15s., payable as follows: £250,000 in cash, £250,000 by the allotment of fully-paid 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